

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 5th APRIL 1988

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

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

Messrs B Birkby; S Iddon and J Whiteside

Apologies were received from Mrs M Baxter and Mr P Griffiths
Two members of the public were also present

158. MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th February 1988 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

159. PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

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

- No 08/88/0201 - 2 storey rear extension, 51 Newarth Lane
- No 08/88/0202 - Domestic extension & detached garage, Windy Ridge, Hundred End
- No 08/88/0220 - Single storey kitchen extension, 3 Norwood Avenue
- No 08/88/0226 - 14 bay block of greenhouses, 390 Moss Lane
- No 08/88/0248 - Full for pair semi-det. houses, new veh. & ped. access, 48 Newarth Lane
- No 08/88/0251 - Outline for det. house & det. bungalow, new access, 29 Shore Road (The Smithy)
- No 08/88/0243 - Single storey building for packing agricultural produce, 143 Moss Lane
- No 08/88/0245 - Single storey extension at side & det. garage at rear, 71 Chapel Road
- No 08/88/0269 - Change of use to residential, 2 storey extensions & new access, South End Cottage, Chapel Road
- No 08/88/0270 - Use as residential, 2 storey/single storey extension & new access, Bank Cottage, Chapel Road

2. Planning Committee - 7th April 1988

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

- No 08/88/0038 - Detached bungalow & new veh/ped. access, 56 Chapel Road
- No 08/88/0248 - Full for pair semi-det, houses, new veh/ped access, 48 Newarth Lane

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No 08/88/0251 - Outline for 1 det. house & 1 det. bungalow and new veh/ped. access, The Smithy (adj) 29 Shore Road

No 08/87/1316 - Removal of embankment & restoration of land to agricultural use, Old Sea Embankment, East Side, Guide Road (The recommendation was to object)

3. Planning Application No 08/88/0123 The Clerk reported receipt of letters from Tarleton Parish Council, The Director of Planning, The Director of Environmental Health, The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food and The Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils. The Clerk had also spoken to a Planning Consultant and had asked the District Valuer to value the site as a Recreation Area. The Chairman reported that the application had been withdrawn by the applicant but that it would be re-submitted after the Northern Parishes District Plan had been reviewed. The Chairman also reported that there was a chance that the consultation on the Plan would be held locally. The Director of Planning had asked for details of residents who had not been notified of the original application.

It was agreed that the Clerk would advise the Director of Planning that the residents of Chandlers Croft and Mr Skofic, of the pig farm, had not been advised of the application and that the Clerk be requested to speak to the Planning Consultant about the possibility of him assisting the Parish Council in the consultation process of the review of the Northern Parishes District Plan.

160. CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council A number of Committee Agendas and Minutes were noted.

2. Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee Mr Handley and Mrs Kershaw had been unable to attend the meeting on the 24th March 1988.

3. LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee The next meeting would be held on the 8th April 1988.

4. LAP&TC - Newsletter Notes of the recent Seminar on the Community Charge had been received and would be circulated to members; a Conference on Village Maps and Appraisals would be held at Scorton Village Hall on the 14th May 1988; a Seminar organised by NIREX would be held at Kirkland Memorial Hall, Nr Garstang on Monday 23rd May at 7.30pm and the latest edition of the CCL News had been received.

161. FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. Village Hall Committee - Hire of Village Hall | £ 56.00 |
| (In accordance with the decision at the last meeting, this account had already been paid) | |
| b. Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd - Insurance premium | £ 83.70 |
| c. NWWA - Water charges | £ 8.25 |
| d. Queensbury - Supply, delivery & erection of new bus shelters | £1857.25 |
| (The County Council will pay £865.30 in respect of this expenditure) | |
| e. N Marsden Esq., - Repairs to bus shelter | £ 113.08 |
| (This expenditure will be re-claimed from the Insurance Company of the owners of the vehicle responsible) | |

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162. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Bus shelters

a. Station Road/Moss Lane - 1st accident The Parish Council's Insurance Company had asked for a copy of the invoice for the provision and erection of the new bus shelter and the Chairman undertook to ask Mr R Carr to supply an invoice as a matter of urgency.

b. Station Road/Moss Lane - 2nd accident The Clerk reported further damage to this shelter caused by another vehicle which had been on the pavement. The damage had been repaired by Mr N Marsden and the Clerk would re-claim the amount via the Insurance Company once the previous claim had been settled.

c. Chapel Road, O/S Methodist Chapel The Chairman reported that this shelter had been damaged by a vehicle belonging to Ribble Motors Ltd and the matter was now in the hands of their Insurers. The Clerk was requested to ask Messrs Marsden and Carr to provide estimates for the repair of the shelter.

The time being 8.00pm, the meeting was adjourned to enable the Annual Parish Assembly to commence.

The meeting reconvened at 9.15pm with the following members present:-

Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames C Finnan, L Kershaw and D Trippier and Mr S Iddon

163. PLANNING MATTERS (Cont)

1. Lancashire Structure Plan A summary of that part of the hearing attended by the Chairman of the Council had been received.

164. CORRESPONDENCE (Cont)

1. Tomorrows People Today The organisation had thanked the Parish Council for its support which had resulted in the application for further funding being approved.

2. Parish Council Election Posters regarding nominations had been received and placed on Parish Council Notice Boards.

3. Management of Village Hall A further letter had been received from the LAP&TC which indicated that a lively Village Hall Committee seemed to be what was required in the Parish. A copy of the letter had been passed to Mr P Griffiths.

4. Good Neighbour Scheme The AGM would be held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 28th April 1988 at 7.30pm. It was reported that the two ladies currently holding the offices of Chairman & Secretary and Treasurer had indicated a desire to step down and volunteers were being sought to keep the Scheme running. If volunteers were not found, the Scheme would not cease immediately but there would be a gradual run down in activities.

165. HIGHWAYS MATTERS (Cont)

1. Streetlighting

a. Shore Road, Hundred End The County Council were to carry out a small scheme on Shore Road at Hundred End by installing a further 3 or 4 lights.

b. Footway lights A list had been submitted to the LAP&TC as agreed at the last meeting of the Council. In the light of the decision of the County Council reported above, it was agreed to delete from that list the request for an additional light on Shore Road at Hundred End.

c. Marsh Road Mr S Iddon referred to a light being delivered in Marsh Road but because no-one knew where it was to be erected, it had been taken away again. However, Marsh Road was on the recent list submitted to the LAP&TC.

2. Shore Road The Clerk was requested to ask the County Area Surveyor if that Authority had considered painting white lines at the side of roads in rural areas.

3. Guide Road The County Area Surveyor had informed the Chairman that the grips had been widened and that he was considering taking the grass verge away back to the edge of the road and re-seeding the areas.

4. Grass verges - Grasscutting The County Council were prepared to allow the Parish Council to maintain these areas in 1988/89 and to allocate £200 to the Parish Council for this work. The Clerk was asked to ascertain which areas were included in the deal and to ask Mr M Taylor if he would undertake the work on behalf of the Council.

5. Station Road Bridge - Waiting Restrictions The Chairman reported that proposals had been put before the Technical Services Committee of the District Council for waiting restrictions on both sides of the bridge and the report had indicated that the Parish Council were in favour of the proposals. He pointed out that in 1985, the Parish Council suggested that limited restrictions should be placed on the bridge. The Committee had deferred consideration of the scheme to enable traffic statistics to be presented and a report to be presented on parking in the Parish.

RESOLVED:- That the County Council be :- (1) requested to hold a meeting of all interested parties in the Parish before a final decision is taken, and (2) reminded of the suggestion made by the Parish Council in 1985.

6. Bus shelters - Cleaning of glass

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk, in conjunction with the Chairman, be authorised to arrange for the glass in the new shelters to be cleaned on a temporary basis.

166. 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.

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167. RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Sportsmen's Club The Club had been discussing with the Planning Department the possible siting of a hut and had been told that the best site from a planning point of view would be on the Recreation Ground adjacent to the car park and the school fence.

RESOLVED:- That the revised site for the hut to be erected by the Sportsmen's Club, be approved on the basis that the Club already use facilities on the Recreation Ground which are currently under the control of the Parish Council.

2. Land adj. to the Becconsall Hotel The Chairman had met Mr Harrison on the site and had heard his proposals for extending the Functions Room and the Car Park at the Hotel. He was also interested in providing play equipment. He had a piece of land in mind to be used for a play area, provided it could be used for general use, and would be prepared to let the Parish Council have the land for a nominal rental of £1 per annum as suggested by the Chairman. It was agreed that a further meeting would be arranged after the forthcoming Parish Council elections.

3. Additional Recreation Area for the Parish Messrs H & T Whitehead did not wish to sell any land at the present time.

168. ALLOTMENTS

Mr S Iddon reported that the recent problem with running water on the allotments had now been resolved.

169. PARISH COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to write to the two Parish Councillors who were not standing for election, Mr B Birkby and Mr J Whiteside, to thank them for their services to the Parish Council and to send a letter of condolence to Mr Whiteside following the death, earlier today, of his father.

P. J. Handley.

16th May 1988.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THE 16th MAY 1988

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

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

Messrs P Bannister; P Griffiths; W Hill; J Hodson and
S Iddon

Two members of the public were also present.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

1/88 RESOLVED:- That Mr P J Handley be elected Chairman of the Parish of the Parish Council for the year 1988/89.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Mr P J Handley signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman of the Parish Council.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE - CHAIRMAN

Mr W Hill and Mrs D Trippier were both PROPOSED and SECONDED for appointment as Vice - Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 1988/89.

On a show of hands, Mr W Hill received 4 votes and Mrs D Trippier received 7 votes, whereupon it was:-

2/88 RESOLVED:- That Mrs D Trippier be appointed Vice - Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 1988/89.

MINUTES

3/88 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th April 1988 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Community Charge A copy of the notes on the recent Seminar on the proposed Community Charge was circulated to each member of the Parish Council.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Recreation Committee

4/88 RESOLVED:- a. That the Committee be comprised of the Chairman and four other members of the Council,

b. That the Chairman, Mrs M Baxter, Mrs J Witter, Mr W Hill and Mr P Griffiths be appointed to serve for the year 1988/89.

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
Prof. W Kershaw had resigned as Vice-Chairman and been replaced by Councillor Mrs U Atherley. A Fund-raiser was required to replace the new Vice-Chairman. A very good talk was given by a psychiatric nurse from Park Lane/Ashwoth Hospitals, Maghull.

b. Crossroads Mrs D Trippier undertook to attend the AGM on Monday, 10th July 1995 at 7.30pm.

c. Correspondence from Mr J R Foster Letters to the Clerk and District Council were read together with the reply from the District Council. It was felt that as Mr Foster attended all Parish Council meetings he should have known the answers to his questions.

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

e. Hesketh Bank Silver Band Mrs D Trippier had written to the Council about the recent centenary of the Silver Band and outlined the various events staged to make the occasion.

The Clerk was asked to write to thank the Band for all the time and effort put into its organisation for the enjoyment of the village and the public at ~~large~~ *large* .

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

15/95 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a. Cornhill Insurance - Premium	£ 209.70
b. West Lancashire DC - Election expenses	£ 803.36
c. North West Water - Water charges	£ 12.35
d. Mr B Rimmer - Clerk's salary & expenses	£ 476.81

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

West Lancashire DC - Street cleaning payment	£ 1646.44
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Miss Taylor & Mr Hodge complained about youths congregating outside the Village Hall and the 'eyesore skips'. They were advised that the District Council refused to move the skips as they were not used when sited behind the hall.

Complaints were also made about speeding cattle wagons, one in particular. It was agreed to take this up with the local PC.

FUTURE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs L Kershaw proposed that Standing Orders in relation to public Participation be suspended for 3 months. She said that councillors had been distressed and offended by comments made at the last 3 meetings and on other occasions, and that she was no longer prepared to put up with the noise and obstreperous behaviour of some members of the public. She explained that Public Participation was not mandatory or a statutory requirement and that many Parish Councils had no Public Participation.

On being put to the vote, all Parish Councillors, except the Chairman, who abstained, voted in favour of the motion and it was, therefore,

16/95 RESOLVED:- That Standing Orders in relation to Public Participation be suspended for 3 months.

After the vote, a member of the public asked what they should do if they wished to ask questions of the Council and was advised either to contact any Councillor or to put the matter in writing.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Planning & Control Committee - 22nd June 1995

a. Application

No 08/95/0164 Extension of existing greenhouses; alterations to access, parking and turning areas, inclusion of fencing and landscaping details Briarcroft Nurseries, 115 Moss Lane (RECOMMENDATION - Granted)

17/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. Approved by Director The following were noted:-

No 08/95/0302 Incorporation of land into residential curtilage 10, Moss Lane

No 08/95/0391 Retention of garden shed and erection ^{of} ~~to~~ greenhouse 6 Rose Gardens

2. Weekly Lists

18/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/95/0398 Part first floor, part 2 story extension at side 122 Chapel Road

b. No 08/95/0473 Erection of barn & construction of access road Land at Shore Road/Dib Road

3. West Lancashire Local Plan - Consultation The Chairman indicated that the only land to be developed, apart from 'in-fills' would lie between Mill Lane and Asland Gardens.

The Council were reminded that the caravan exhibition would be at The Becconsall Hotel on the 30th June, 1995.

19/95 RESOLVED:- That no collective comments be made on the Local Plan.

4. Development at 140, Station Road This item was dealt with later in the meeting.

4. Amended Plan in respect of No 08/95/0261 The application for a detached dwelling and garage, land adj. 1 The Green had been amended.

20/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

POLICING MATTERS (PC M Thackery attended for this item)

PC Thackery was advised about the earlier discussion on youths congregating at the Village Hall and the speeding of cattle wagons through the village. It was also reported that white paint had been used on the play equipment at Station Road but had been removed by Mr J R Foster.

PC Thackery indicated that he had also had complaints from the public about these matters but said he had not noticed more than 3/4 youths at the Village Hall lately. There had also been a large group drinking and action had been taken against one person.

Turning to crime in the village, PC Thackery indicated that last year had been an all time low but it had slightly increased so far this year although it was still lower than the year before last. There had been a spate of thefts from cars but in May a man from Leyland had been arrested who had made two visits to the village and been responsible for 20 thefts.

Mrs D Trippier asked about the possibility of placing a traffic island in the middle of Chapel Road, at its junction with Station Road, mainly to prevent vehicles from cutting the corner. PC Thackery undertook to speak to the Traffic Department about this suggestion. He also undertook to speak to them about the possibility of examining tachographs in respect of the speeding cattle wagons referred to earlier.

A discussion took place about the possible re-siting of the skips at the Village Hall but no firm conclusions were reached.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Bus Shelters

a. Maintenance There was an amount of £350 in the estimates which was the cost of cleaning the shelters last year. An amount had been included for the replacement of one shelter but this was dependent on a grant being received from the County Council.

It was agreed to leave further discussion until the Clerk was present.

b. Grant for Replacement A grant had been applied for in respect of the shelter at the junction of Station Road and Meadow Lane.

2. Grass and Hedge Cutting The Divisional County Surveyor had been approached and a reply was awaited.

3. Flooding in Station Road The Divisional County Surveyor would look again at the problem during the next spell of wet weather.

4. The Walk (Shore Road) It was reported that a post had been erected at the bottom of The Walk with a sign, 'Footpath' on it. The post was still there but the sign was missing. It was agreed to take no action as it was suspected that a local landowner had removed it.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground There were no items to report.

2. Glenpark Drive Play Area No items were raised.

3. Station Road Play Area Mr J R Foster confirmed that the play equipment had been covered in white paint which he had scrubbed off.

ALLOTMENTS

The Allotments Committee had inspected and reported that everything was 'fantastic', neat, tidy and most pleasing.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

21/95 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the remaining items of business.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Entrance to site The Clerk had spoken to the County Surveyor's Department about the sight lines at the entrance and whether the previous planning conditions regarding the visibility at the entrance could be enforced. The Clerk was advised to speak to the Planning Department at the District Council. If the planners felt it could be enforced, the Surveyor would assist in identifying the true line and height of the conifers.

2. Planning Application for site adjacent to Sports Ground A copy of the detailed planning application was shown to the meeting by the Chairman. It was noted that, as in the outline application, the site edged blue and the road to the playing field were shown on the plan as being controlled/ owned by the Football Club and not the Parish Council.

22/95 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the Football Club have not approached the Parish Council regarding negotiations as to access to the proposed site and that, in any event, under no circumstances would the Parish Council grant access across land in its ownership.

3. Northern Boundary of Sports Ground The Chairman suggested three possible courses of action in respect of the northern boundary of the Sports Ground. Considerable discussion took place on this issue and the possible cost of legal advice.

23/95 RESOLVED:- That Mr K Wareing be authorised to seek advice from his Solicitor, who is an expert on boundary disputes, and report back to the next meeting of the Council.

4. Sign for Bowling Club Mr R Iddon, on behalf of the Bowling Club referred to matches imminent in July and asked if the Club could erect a sign so that visiting teams could find the Club. Mr Iddon was advised that planning permission should be sought but it was agreed that the Club could erect a temporary sign.

A further discussion took place on the hedges and conifers alongside Station Road. It was indicated that the conifers were obscuring the Sports Ground sign.

24/95 RESOLVED:- That Mr A Coxhead be requested to trim the outside of the hedges and trim the conifers round the sign.

5. Proposed Leases The question of the issuing of leases was discussed at length.

25/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mrs L Kershaw be requested to consult the Council's Solicitor regarding the possible consequences of charging the three sports clubs rents without leases having been entered into to,

2. That in the light of the advice given Mrs Kershaw be authorised to write letters to the clubs as agreed at the meeting requesting rental for the year 1994/95 and indicating the rental for the year 1995/96, without prejudice to the future issue of leases,

3. That Mr K Wareing be authorised to ascertain from the Secretary of the former Sports Company, the most recent rents paid by the sports clubs, and

4. That leases be proceeded with when the current boundary dispute has been settled and the previous conditions set by the Council have been complied with as appropriate.

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24-7-95.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 13th JUNE 1988

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter; C Finnan; L Kershaw and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; P Griffiths; W Hill; J Hodson and S Iddon

Eleven members of the public were also present.

APLOGUES WERE RECEIVED FROM MRS D TRIPPIER.

P. J. H

MINUTES

22/88 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th May 1988 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Footpath at the Boatyard It was reported that this footpath was much improved and a lot of the credit was due to Mr J Hodson.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council A copy of the revised Hackney Carriage Byelaws and details of Beautiful Britain in Bloom 1988 had been received.

2. District Council Committee Agendas Copies of agendas had been received and there did not appear to be any items affecting this Parish.

3. Other matters The latest edition of the Local Council Review had been received.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

23/88 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	Council for the Protection of Rural England - Subscription	£ 8.00
b.	North West Water - Water charges	£ 8.75
c.	Mark W Taylor Esq - Grass cutting (Recreation Ground and Grass Verges)	£ 49.00
d.	James Mayor & Co - Handrail at Recreation Ground	£241.50
e.	B W Rimmer Esq - Salary & expenses	£204.52
f.	Village Hall Committee - Grant (This had already been paid on receipt of the grant from the District Council)	£1000.00

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2. Receipts The Clerk reported receipt of the following amounts:-
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| a. | West Lancashire District Council - Grant for 1987/88 | £1000.00 |
| b. | West Lancashire District Council - $\frac{1}{2}$ of Concurrent expenditure for 1988/89 | £ 340.00 |
| c. | Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd. - Insurance claims | |
| 1. | Station Road/Moss Lane - 2nd accident | £113.08 |
| 2. | Chapel Road - Damage by vandals | £110.00 |
| 3. | Chapel Road - Damage by Ribble bus | £220.00 |
| 4. | Chapel Road - Damage by accident | £ 46.75 |
| 5. | Station Road/Moss Lane - 1st accident
(The Clerk had questioned the basis on which this claim had been settled) | £377.20 |

3. Donations A request had been received from the West Lancashire Victims Support Scheme.

24/88 RESOLVED:- That consideration of this request be deferred until later in the year when all such requests will be considered together.

4. Audit of accounts One resident had inspected the books whilst they had been on deposit and they were now with the Auditor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Planning application, Becconsall Lane Mr Hankinson of 20 Becconsall Lane was concerned about an application to build a house, adjacent to his property, when all the other properties in the vicinity were bungalows. He informed the Council that it appeared that second hand materials would be used and that the building of a fence about 6 ft from his property would mean he would have to keep the light on in his kitchen throughout the summer.

Parking restrictions, Station Road Bridge In response to a question from Mrs Peddar, the Chairman briefly outlined the revised scheme for parking restrictions on Station Road Bridge. Mrs Peddar and a number of other shopowners voiced their opposition to any restrictions on the grounds that there had not been an accident in 12 years; with a clear road, vehicles would use Station Road as a race track as was currently the case on a Sunday when the shops were closed; there was no provision for off street parking in the area; the shops are the hub of the village and the owners did not wish the trade to go elsewhere; the problem would be likely to be moved to another area e.g. Moss Lane; there is currently a greater problem in Tarleton despite the presence of 2 car parks in that village and if the speed of traffic is increased, pedestrians will require a crossing to be provided to cross the road safely.

The various comments were noted and the Chairman said they would be taken into consideration by the Council when they discussed the issue later in the meeting.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

a. No 08/88/0506 - Detached agricultural worker's bungalow etc.
133 Moss Lane

25/88 RESOLVED:- That consideration of this application be deferred until later in the meeting.

b. No 08/88/0501 - Detached garage, 7 The Green

26/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/88/0544 - Detached house etc., Becconsall Lane
The Chairman had borrowed the plans for this development.

27/88 RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be informed that whilst the Parish Council accept that this site is an obvious one for development, the Council object to the proposed house as a bungalow is considered to be more appropriate and the Director be requested to look into the possibility that a covenant exists which would preclude the erection of a house on this site.

d. No 08/88/0579 - 5 detached bungalows etc., 126 Chapel Road
The Chairman had borrowed the plans for this development and it was noted that outline permission had been granted for 7 bungalows which had been reduced to 5 by this application.

28/88 RESOLVED:- That in the light of the reduction from 7 dwellings to 5 no further comments be made on this application.

e. No 08/88/0567 - Details for detached bungalow etc., 10
Granville Avenue

29/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

f. No 08/88/0588 - Cabin for pigeon racing, Recreation Ground,
Shore Road
Mrs M Baxter asked for it to be recorded that she did not agree that the Council should allow a private organisation to erect a building on Council land. The Chairman re-iterated that permission had been granted on the basis that the Club were already tenants of the Parish Council and there was conflict between the pigeon fanciers and the footballers. Mrs Baxter still maintained that the cabin would detract from any future permanent structure the Council may wish to erect on the site.

30/88 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and the Clerk be authorised to make any comments they think to be appropriate after examining the detailed plans for the cabin.

g. No 08/88/0612 - Extensions, The Becconsall Hotel, Station Road

31/88 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and the Clerk be authorised to make any comments they think to be appropriate after examining the detailed plans for the extensions.

2. Planning Committee - 16th June 1988

No 08/88/0506 - Reserved matters, detached agricultural worker's bungalow etc., adj. 133 Moss Lane

32/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

3. Applications approved since the last meeting It was noted that the following had been approved:-

- a. No 08/88/0385 - Extensions, 429 Moss Lane
- b. No 08/88/0395 - Extensions, 2 Charles Close
- c. No 08/88/0433 - Established use certificate for Produce Merchant's Business, 202 Moss Lane

4. Development at Station Road The Director of Planning had written to explain the procedures used for consulting adjacent occupiers on planning applications.

33/88 RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be informed that this Council are of the opinion that the site should be visited first and the consultation letters sent out afterwards rather than the way matters are processed at the present time and that more up-to-date Ordnance Survey maps should be used in place of the rather elderly maps used at present.

5. Employment of Planning Consultant Mr P Leech had indicated that he was prepared to act for the Parish Council during the review of the Northern Parishes District Plan.

34/88 RESOLVED:- That arrangements be made for Mr P Leech to attend an informal meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the various issues involved in the Northern Parishes District Plan.

6. British Gas Exploration The Council had been informed, both verbally and by letter, that British Gas were to apply for planning permission to undertake gas exploration on Hesketh Marsh. The planning documents would be on deposit at Hesketh Bank Post Office from the 10th June to the 1st July and a public exhibition would be held in the Village Hall on the 23rd and 24th June from 10am to 8 pm. British Gas were prepared to meet the Council informally to explain the proposals. The Chairman explained that the application would be determined by the County Council and a similar exercise had recently been undertaken at Thistleton near Fleetwood.

35/88 RESOLVED:- A The Clerk be authorised to make the necessary arrangements for the Council to meet British Gas informally to discuss the proposals, and

B That contact be made with Thistleton Parish Council to ask their views on the exploration recently undertaken in that parish.

7. 91A Moss Lane It was suggested that this property was to be purchased by the Southport & Formby Health Authority for use as a 'halfway house' for patients from Greaves Hall Hospital and it was wondered whether any planning approvals would be required. The Chairman undertook to make some enquiries into this issue.

RECREATION GROUNDS AND PLAY AREAS

1. Land adjacent to Becconsall Hotel The Recreation Committee had met Mr Harrison of the Becconsall Hotel and had been told that he hoped to extend the car park. The Committee had concluded that if the car park were to be extended the originally chosen site would be bounded on three sides with car parking and it had been decided, therefore, that the Parish Council be recommended to utilise a piece of land situated between the County Council footpath, from the Becconsall Hotel to Cherry Vale and the former British Rail wooden fence, some of the fence posts of which were still in position. The

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Committee also suggested that the raised ground at this location be levelled utilising MSC personnel. However members of the Council considered that machinery would be required to undertake the work which could possibly be outside the scope of the MSC workers.

36/88 RESOLVED:- A That the recommendation of the Recreation Committee be accepted and the Council utilises a piece of land between the County Council footpath and the former British Rail fence as a childrens play area.

B That the Clerk and the Chairman of the Council be authorised to make arrangements for the area of land to be levelled, and

C That Tetley Walker Ltd be advised of the Council's intentions and asked if they would consider making a donation towards the purchase of play equipment which the Parish Council would be happy to dedicate to the Company.

2. Land at junction of Shore Road and Glenpark Drive It was reported that this piece of land was for sale and the Chairman indicated that the original planning permission for 3 houses had now lapsed.

3. Play equipment at Recreation Ground Mrs C Finnan, who was currently inspecting the equipment on behalf of the Parish Council reported that one of the bottom rungs of the Climbing Frame was bent.

37/88 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to request the makers of the equipment to undertake an inspection on behalf of the Parish Council.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Waiting restrictions - Station Road Bridge The Parish Council had received letters from both the County Council and the District Council which outlined the revised proposals and had been asked to forward their comments. The comments made by members of the public earlier in the meeting were considered in detail and whilst members had some sympathy with the owner of No 17 Station Road regarding access to that property, it was pointed out that those problems must have been known when the property was purchased.

38/88 RESOLVED:- A That the Parish Council object to the imposition of waiting restrictions on Station Road Bridge for the reasons outlined by members of the public during Public Participation,

B That the County Council be informed that if they are still minded to proceed with the proposals the Parish Council would wish to meet appropriate members of the County Council to discuss the issue in detail, and

C That the shopowners affected by the proposals be kept informed of future developments regarding this issue and be invited to attend any possible future meeting at which the issue will be discussed.

2. Grass verges - grass cutting

39/88 RESOLVED:- That the estimate received from Mr M Taylor of Hesketh Bank for cutting the grass verges between now and October 1988 at a cost of £25 per cut be accepted.

3. School Fold The Chairman reported that he had been advised verbally by the County Council that there was no evidence to support the claim that School Fold was an Ancient Highway but that as it formed a public footpath and it was not possible to determine the exact position of the footpath in the width of the road, the County Council had agreed in principle

that the whole cost of making up School Fold should be met by the County Council.

4. Road safety outside Hesketh - with - Becconsall C E School Mrs M Baxter and Mrs J Witter had visited the school both in the morning and afternoon and had discussed the problems with the Headteacher. The majority of cars were very orderly although there was some double parking and some latecomers tended to stop inside the zig-zag markings. None of the children were seen to cross the road alone. The Headteacher was not too concerned about the situation and she had also confirmed that the teachers were not covered for seeing the children across the road.

40/88 RESOLVED:- That the position be noted and the County Council be asked if it would be possible to move the School sign on the Southport side of the school nearer to Glenpark Drive, to provide a larger sign on the Southport side of the school and if flashing lights could be provided notwithstanding the fact that there was no school crossing patrol.

5. Footpaths

a. Chapel Road to School Fold

41/88 RESOLVED:- That Mr M Taylor be asked if he would cut down the weeds etc which were currently overgrowing this footpath.

b. New embankment The Chairman undertook to look into the possible provision of a footpath on the new embankment with officers of the District Council.

c. Improvements It was reported that the footpath at the Old Church had been cleared, the owners of land on the old embankment had been notified by the County Council that stiles must be provided, one on each side of Guide Road, and a new footbridge with handrails had been ~~provided~~ ^{promised} at Cabin Lane.

BUS SHELTERS

1. Cleaning of glass shelters Two quotations had been received as follows:-

Mr G D Jones - £130.00 per annum for 2 shelters
Mr T S Quinn - £7.00 per month for 3 shelters

42/88 RESOLVED:- That Mr T S Quinn be offered a contract to clean the 3 glass bus shelters for 12 months at a cost of £7.00 per month.

2. Protection of bus shelter at junction of Station Road/Moss Lane

43/88 RESOLVED:- That no action be taken at the present time to provide protection for this bus shelter.

3. Shelter outside All Saints Church It was reported that Queensbury had estimated that repairs to the shelter would cost £155.00 and a copy of the estimate had been forwarded to the Insurance Company.

ALLOTMENTS

1. Meeting of Allotments Committee The Committee had inspected the allotments and had been advised that urgent remedial action was required on 2 plots which had become overgrown and would spread to adjacent plots in the near future. As a result, the Chairman had arranged for Mr A Bond to carry out the necessary work and an account would be forwarded in the near future.

The Committee had noted that the plots allocated to Mr A Whiteside had still not been worked and they suggested that the two plots be offered to people on the waiting list.

44/88 RESOLVED:- A That the action taken by the Chairman, in consultation with the Clerk, in arranging for urgent work to be undertaken on the allotments be confirmed,

B That Mr A Whiteside be informed that, as he has still not worked the 2 plots allocated to him during the current year, and as he has not answered the recent letter from the Clerk, the 2 plots are to be re-allocated to persons on the Parish Council's waiting list,

C That Plots Nos 13 and 20 be allocated to Mr S Bibby of Chapel Road and Mr R Sergison of Guide Road, respectively, and

D That Messrs Bibby and Sergison be advised that they can take immediate possession of the plots with no charge to be made for the current year to enable them to prepare the plots for next years growing season.

STANDING ORDERS

45/88 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.

ALLOTMENTS (CONT)

1. Meeting of Allotments Committee (Cont) The Committee reported that the ditch alongside the allotments was holding stagnant water and required cleaning out in the autumn. The point was made by some members of the Council that the ditch in question was not the responsibility of the Parish Council but of the owners of the land adjacent to the ditch.

46/88 RESOLVED:- That Mr S Iddon be authorised to arrange for the ditch to be cleaned out at a suitable time in the autumn.

P. J. Handley
11th July 1988.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 11th JULY 1988

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter; D Trippier and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; P Griffiths; W Hill and J Hodson

Apologies were received from Mrs C Finnan, Mrs L Kershaw, and Mr S Iddon and 4 members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

47/88 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendments, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th June 1988 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

1. The addition of apologies from Mrs D Trippier,
2. Page 6, Item 5c the last line to read - " and a new footbridge had been promised at Cabin Lane."

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

A. Director of Finance A letter had been sent to all Taxi and Private Hire Owners asking if they would accept travel tokens for taxi services in the district.

B. Chairman's Office A list of Charity events had been received.

C. Committee Agenda and Minutes The following items were included in the Agenda for Technical Services Committee on the 12th July 1988:-

1. Hesketh Bank Relief Sewer Tenders were to be invited and the work involved 1300m of 450mm diameter sewer pipes mostly in Station Road. It was anticipated that the work would take 8 months to complete and that road closures would not be necessary.

2. Shore Road Sewer Diversion Tenders were to be invited and the work involved the diversion of the 225mm sewer at the junction of Station Road/Shore Road/Marsh Road to relieve foul sewage flooding along Shore Road.

3. Naming of new Close off Station Road It was reported that the new Close was to be named Rose Gardens.

48/88 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to contact the Director of Technical Services with a suggestion that the new Close be called Orchard Close.

2. Other correspondence

A. Disablement Information Action Line (DIAL) A poster detailing the services available had been placed on the Moss Lane Noticeboard.

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B. The West Lancashire Enterprise Trust Ltd. Details of the Rural Enterprise Fortnight from the 4th to 17th July 1988 had been received and it was noted that there would be entertainment at the Becconsall Hotel on Tuesday 12th July from 8.00pm onwards. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman would be attending.

C. The West Lancs. Project Details of the West Lancashire Grand Prix Amateur Cycle Race had been received.

D. Lancashire County Council Waste Recycling Directory A copy of the new directory had been received.

E. CCL News The latest edition had been received.

F. Tarleton County Primary School A letter had been received from the Chairman of the Governors of the School to advise the Council of the change in the Articles of Government which would preclude this Council from appointing a Governor. The Council's Governors had also been thanked for their contributions in the past.

49/88 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman of the Governors be thanked for his letter and be asked when the new Articles of Government will take effect.

FINANCE

1. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

50/88 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	J Chohan Esq. - Work at Glenpark Drive	£ 75.00
b.	Mark W Taylor Esq. - Grass cutting of verges and at the Recreation Ground	£ 34.00
c.	Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd. - Insurance premium for play equipment	£ 40.80

(Mr P Bannister arrived at this time)

2. RECEIPTS The Clerk reported the receipt of a cheque from Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd in the sum of £155.00 in respect of damage to the new glass bus shelter outside All Saints Church. The makers of the shelter had been requested to effect repairs.

3. DONATIONS The West Lancashire Enterprise Trust had asked for financial assistance from all Parish Councils in West Lancashire.

51/88 RESOLVED:- That consideration of the request be deferred until later in the year when all requests will be considered together.

4. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS The Clerk reported that the Audit had been completed and the Auditors had only asked for clarification of a few minor points. The Chairman reported that this Council's share of the completion of audit notice in the newspapers was £2.30 which was 1/18th of the total cost. The recent meeting of the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAP&TC had also been informed that the Auditors were impressed with the work done on the accounts by all Clerks in West Lancashire and the meeting passed a Vote of Thanks to all Clerks.

52/88 RESOLVED:- That payment of £2.30 be made to Mrs L Kershaw in respect of this Council's share of the cost of the Completion of Audit Notice for the year 1987/88.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Foster informed the Council that he had asked British Gas officials a number of questions at the recent exhibition but he had not got satisfactory answers but Mr P Griffiths, in reply, felt that British Gas had been very open and had answered all questions in the light of the knowledge they had available and had undertaken to find answers to questions they could not answer on the spot.

Mrs Kidd referred to the Library not visiting on Mondays when that day was a Bank Holiday, which had happened 3 times this year and also a further Monday had been missed due to the vehicle requiring repairs. The Chairman referred to the completion of the new Library at Tarleton next year when the Trailer Library would be available for re-allocation and undertook to place an item on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council to discuss the subject.

Mrs Kidd also asked why Tarleton's rates were lower than Hesketh Bank's and it was reported that their population was larger and they received more assistance from the District Council due to historical reasons. Mrs Kidd also referred to electricity supplies being off again over the weekend.

Mr Jones referred to the contingency plans of British Gas whilst exploration was being undertaken and he was looking for a better service from the various emergency services. He was also concerned about access along Dib Road.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

a. Application No. 08/88/0696 - 8 pairs of Semi-detached and 2 detached bungalows etc. - Rear of 24/26 Moss Lane

The Chairman reported that this was in respect of the re-positioning of the garages and a slight alteration to the roofs.

53/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. Application No. 08/88/0743 - Extensions at 104 Moss Lane

54/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. Application No. 08/88/0746 - Replacement pitched roof to existing flat roof extension - Long Acres, Guide Road

55/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Committee - 14th July 1988 (Mr W Hill arrived at this time)

a. Application No. 08/88/0269 - Change of use to residential etc. South End Cottage, Chapel Road.

Application No. 08/88/0270 - Change of use to residential etc. Bank Cottage, Chapel Road.

The recommendation was for refusal.

56/88 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council support the Planning Officer's suggestion that the 2 cottages be converted to make one cottage as it would be a shame to lose a part of the Old Hesketh.

b. Application No. 08/88/0544 - Detached house & garage - plot south of Beconsall Lane.

The recommendation was for refusal.

57/88 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

3. Application No. 08/88/0709CM - Use of Access Road and Development for Oil and Gas Exploration - Hesketh New Marsh, Hesketh Bank,

The Chairman reported on his visit to Thistleton where a similar exploration had just been completed. The access road had crossed four fields which had been reverted to grass. There had been no noise except for a low vibration on one day for 2/3 hours which had been seen to immediately.

Mr Griffiths was concerned that if permission was granted and sufficient results were obtained for a feasibility study it would be difficult to stop such future development or permission being granted for the extraction and distribution of gas and oil.

It was generally felt that Banks would have to cope with the major traffic problems except that if enough deposits were found to make the field commercially viable then road tankers may be used to transport the oil out of the area.

58/88 RESOLVED:- That no objection in principle be made to this application but that the County Council be requested to consider placing the following conditions on any approval granted:-

A. A need for vehicles to pass on Dib Road which is a working road for farm vehicles,

B. Signs to be erected to denote the approved access route,

C. Signs to be erected on Shore Road warning of slow, heavy lorries turning into Dib Road,

D. The ditch at the junction of Shore Road and Dib Road to be kept open at all times,

E. Complete restoration to be undertaken including the replacement of any gates and stiles which may have been moved from footpaths 36 & 37.

4. Other Planning Matters

a. Approved by Director of Planning since last meeting The following had been approved:-

No. 08/88/0501 - Detached garage at 7 The Green

b. Matters dealt with by the Chairman and Clerk since last meeting It was reported that the Chairman and Clerk had decided to make no comments on the following applications:-

No. 08/88/0588 - Cabin on Recreation Ground - 16' x 12' x 10'

No. 08/88/0612 - Minor extensions at Becconsall Hotel

c. Application No. 08/87/1316 - Removal of embankment East of Guide Road.

This had been approved by the County Council subject to conditions.

d. New vehicular access In answer to a question, the Chairman indicated that planning permission would be required for a new vehicular access onto Moss Lane.

e. 91A Moss Lane It was confirmed that the West Lancashire Health Authority had purchased this property to house 5 mentally and physically handicapped persons. The Chairman had visited a similar house in Ormskirk and had been impressed that it was not noisy. He had also spoken to the person who will be in charge of the house. It was also reported that a house to be used by 5 or less people did not require planning permission. A number of residents had met with representatives of the Health Authority and had been somewhat re-assured. A number of Councillors were concerned that the footways in Moss Lane were not suitable for wheelchairs and also felt that the Health Authority should be more choosy in its choice of site.

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f. Application by North West Water The authority were seeking the consent of the Department of the Environment to discharge trade/sewage effluent together with uncontaminated surface water to Dunkirk Dib from the Marsh Road Sewage Pumping Station. It would only operate in the event of a total power failure at the Pumping Station.

59/88 RESOLVED:- That no objections be made to the application.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Shore Road - Extension of Speed Limit The County Council were proposing to extend the 30 mph limit to a point 115 m west of Chapel Road.

60/88 RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor be informed that the Parish Council support the proposed extension of the speed limit and would not object if it was extended even further along Shore Road.

2. Cutting of Grass Verges An official order for the work had been received from the County Surveyor.

61/88 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to send an account for the work and to ask the County Surveyor for his policy on cutting verges on major roads with a suggestion that a further 50 yards should be cut at junctions.

3. Private Street Works - School Fold The County Council had advised County Councillor Miss S R Taylor that the work would be undertaken at the expense of the highway authority and the District Council were being asked to programme the work.

62/88 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to inform all residents of School Fold of the decision of the County Council.

4. Footway in Shore Road at Ribble View Farm A complaint had been received about the width of the footway and the Chairman had been to inspect the footway in question.

63/88 RESOLVED:- That the County Area Surveyor be requested to return the footway to its original width.

5. Shore Road - Cats eyes

64/88 RESOLVED:- That the County Area Surveyor be requested to uncover the cats eyes recently covered by new tarmac.

6. Moss Lane

65/88 RESOLVED:- That the County Area Surveyor be asked what work was currently being undertaken in Moss Lane.

7. Sidney Avenue/Newarth Lane

66/88 RESOLVED:- That the County Area Surveyor be asked when the Council can expect the tarmac left at this junction about a month ago to be removed.

STANDING ORDERS

67/88 RESOLVED:- That the provisions of Standing Order No 17 be waived to enable the remaining items of business to be dealt with at this meeting.

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RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Use of Football Pitch An application had been received from Hesketh Bank AFC to use the pitch on a Saturday afternoon instead of a Sunday morning. No application had yet been received from the Boys Football Club.

68/88 RESOLVED:- A. That the Boys Football Club be requested to indicate their intended use of the pitch as a matter of urgency, and

B. That the application by Hesketh Bank AFC be approved in principle subject to the Clerk and Chairman being authorised to formally agree the usage by the two Clubs once the above requirements are known.

BUS SHELTER AT JUNCTION OF STATION ROAD AND RANKIN AVENUE

It was reported that the new shelter was ready for collection as soon as the Builder's cheque had been cleared.

ALLOTMENTS

Mr T Iddon had paid his rental of £7 but nothing had been heard from Mr R Baxter. An application had been received from Mr James N Whittingham,

69/88 RESOLVED:- A. That the Chairman or Mr P Bannister be authorised to ask Mr R Baxter about his intentions, and

B. That Mr James N Whittingham be placed on the waiting list.

WEST LANCASHIRE AREA COMMITTEE OF THE LAP&TC

The following were the main items discussed at the meeting on the 8th July 1988:-

1. Amenity Cleansing The District Council had to decide the level of street cleansing to be put out to tender and whether tenders would be requested for the whole district, for groups of **parishes** or for single parishes. The Chairman suggested that an item be placed on the next Agenda to enable a full discussion to take place.

2. Street Lighting Mr Bradford of the Technical Services Dept. had indicated that a new list would be compiled after completing a survey of the existing lists. Some Parish Councils felt that danger spots should have some priority. It was also indicated that Parishes would be advised when lights had been erected.

P. J. Handley
8th August '88.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 8th AUGUST 1988

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter; C Finnan; L Kershaw; and D Trippier

Messrs P Bannister; P Griffiths; S Iddon; W Hill
and J Hodson

Apologies were received from Mrs J Witter and one member
of the public was present.

MRS J WITTER

It was reported that Mrs Witter's husband had been taken ill suddenly and Mrs Witter was visiting the hospital.

70/88 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to send a card or letter to Mrs Witter on behalf of the Council.

MINUTES

71/88 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th July 1988 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Naming of streets The Clerk reported that it had not been possible to change the name of 'Rose Gardens' and that the Director of Technical Services had suggested that bids for names should be made at the planning stage. Mrs M Baxter said she wished to make a proposal about street names later in the meeting.

2. West Lancashire Enterprise Trust Ltd The Chairman reported that the evening at the Becconsall Hotel had gone down well but there was a lack of support.

3. Tarleton County Primary School No reply had been received from the Chairman of the Governors but Mrs Baxter understood that the new Articles of Government took effect from September 1988.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

Committee Agenda and minutes - Technical Services Committee The Chairman reported that the sewage scheme would start in October 1988 and be completed by June/July 1989. Copies of a plan were circulated to members of the Council. The work in Station Road would be undertaken in stages and the road would not be closed. The Chairman undertook to ask about the holding tank at the sewerage farm in Marsh Road.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils The Chairman was to complete and return three questionnaires on behalf of the Council.

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Notes had been received about the Nirex seminar, Parish Council involvement in environmental clean ups and the 1988 Spring Conference and these were available for members of the Council.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

72/88 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | Mark W Taylor - Mowing of grass verges (not invoiced on previous account) | £ 25.00 |
| | - Mowing grass verges and Recreation Ground | £ 49.00 |
| b. | J Chohan - Work at Glenpark Drive | £ 45.00 |
| c. | Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils - Contribution to Honorarium for Area Committee Secretary (2 years) | £ 13.33 |
| d. | N Marsden - Repairs to bus shelters (Chapel Road) (The Insurance Company had already paid this amount) | £330.00 ¹ |
| | - Repairs to roundabout | £ 14.00 ¹ |

2. Receipts The following amounts had been received:-

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| a. | A Bond - Allotment rents (3 plots) | £21.00 |
| b. | Mrs C Finnan - Counter collection for planning consultant | £25.13 |

3. Other matters

1. Donations The West Lancashire Enterprise Trust had acknowledged receipt of the letter from the Clerk about their request.

2. Final accounts 1987/88 The Clerk had been asked to send details to the District Council.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

a. Application No. 08/88/0798 - Greenhouses, storage/packing building and detached bungalow, adj. Tarnacre, Boundary Meanygate

73/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Committee - 11th August 1988

a. Application No 08/88/0709 - Use and alteration of access road and development for oil and gas exploration, Hesketh New Marsh

74/88 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

b. Application No 08/88/0696 - 8 pairs semi-detached bungalows, 2 detached bungalows, detached garages and estate road, rear of 24 & 26 Moss Lane

75/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. Application No 08/88/0579 - 5 detached bungalows & garages, new vehicular/pedestrian access, land at rear of 126 Chapel Road

76/88 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to ensure that the drainage pipe referred to in the conditions attached to the planning permission be constructed sufficiently wide to take the volume of water frequently encountered in Chapel Road.

d. Approved since last meeting The following had been approved since the last meeting of the Council:-

Avenue No 08/88/0567 - Details for detached bungalow, 10 Granville
No 08/88/0612 - Extensions at Beconsall Hotel, Station Road
Shore Road No 08/88/0588 - Cabin for racing pigeons, Recreation Ground,
No 08/88/0436 - Extensions at 108 Moss Lane

3. Other matters

a. 39 Moss Lane The Chairman undertook to enquire whether planning permission was required for an access at this property.

b. Ordnance survey maps The Director of Planning had indicated that his department updated most of the maps and the Clerk was asked to ascertain from Ordnance Survey when the latest edition of the 1:2500 for this area had been printed. The Director of Planning had also indicated that he did not feel able to amend the system of consultations in line with the suggestions of this Council.

c. Planning Consultant The Clerk undertook to contact the Consultant before the next meeting.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Issues raised with the County Surveyor

a. School sign It was not practical to site the sign opposite Glenpark Drive but it could be sited opposite Chapel Road.

77/88 RESOLVED:- That the Area County Surveyor be advised that this Council wish the sign to be moved to a position opposite Chapel Road.

b. Flashing lights on the school sign This was being dealt with by the Transportation Section.

c. Grass verges on trunk roads These were cut to a standard set down by the Department of Transport and specific problems would be dealt with if notified to the County Council.

d. Shore Road Work on the footway had been completed and the 'cats eyes' had been uncovered.

e. Moss Lane British Telecom and North West Water were working in Moss Lane and had notified the County Council in advance.

f. Sidney Avenue and Newarth Lane The tarmac left by one of the public utilities would be removed by the County Council.

2. School Fold The Clerk had written to all the residents but no replies had been received.

3. Station Road Bridge

78/88 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to repair the rails and ask British Telecom to remove the rubble dumped by their workers on the grassed slope of the bridge.

4. Shore Road - Speed signs The Clerk indicated that these were erected by the police and members felt they had proved effective.

5. Car Boot Sales - Beconsall Hotel Members were concerned about the traffic chaos outside the Hotel when the last sale had been held last Saturday.

79/88 RESOLVED:- That Mr T Harrison be informed of the Council's concern and advised that if the sales are to continue then the Police should be asked for their views on alleviating the problems with a copy of the letter to be sent to the local Police Officer.

6. Chapel Road - Footways The Chairman informed the meeting that the County Council were undertaking the first stage of re-surfacing the bad footways in Chapel Road by re-inforcing the driveways.

7. Street names It was reported that the developer of the properties off Station Road near to Rankin Avenue had been given 3 names by the District Council and asked to choose one of them. It was also reported that 'Rose Gardens' was the name of the development on Jumps Farm. Members considered that new names should suit the parish and not just be plucked out of thin air

80/88 RESOLVED:- A That the Director of Technical Services be requested to consult the Parish Council on all new street names before approval is given.

B. That the Director of Technical Services be requested to suggest to the appropriate builders the following names:-

Rear of 126 Chapel Road - Finneys Close
Station Road/Rankin Avenue - Orchard Close

C. That the developer of the Jumps Farm site be requested to consider re-naming the street either Jumps Close or Jumps Gardens.

Mr P Bannister arrived at this time

BUS SHELTERS

1. Station Road adj. to All Saints Church The order for the repairs had been placed and the work would be undertaken in September 1988.

2. Station Road/Rankin Avenue The developer had now obtained the new shelter and had asked for guidance as which way it should be erected.

81/88 RESOLVED:- That the developer be advised that the shelter should be erected with the glass panels to the hedge.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Use of football pitch The Boys Club had been given permission by the Clerk and Chairman to use the pitch for 3 teams on Sunday mornings and

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afternoons. The number of teams was the same as last year but the days the pitch was required were different. One team would still use Station Road.

82/88 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, in approving the Boys Football Club's application for the use of the pitch for 3 teams on Sunday mornings and afternoons, be confirmed.

2. Play equipment The Clerk reported the receipt of a quotation of £40 plus VAT to inspect the igloo.

83/88 RESOLVED:- That Messrs P Griffiths and W Hill be authorised to ascertain if they can effect repairs and if so, be authorised to carry out such repairs to the igloo as are necessary

3. Land adj. to Becconsall Hotel The Council's request for a donation towards play equipment had been passed to the leaseholder, Mr T Harrison. The Chairman suggested that the levelling of the site for the equipment should be undertaken before the winter.

84/88 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee visit the site to ascertain the extent of the work required to level the site with a view to tenders being invited after the next meeting of the Council.

LIBRARY SERVICES IN HESKETH BANK

The Chairman indicated that the new Tarleton Library should be finished by next June and the new Parbold Library was also under way. Once these two permanent libraries were in use, the trailer library would be available for use in other areas. He reminded the Council that when the District County Librarian last visited the parish, he had indicated that Hesketh Bank could be considered for the trailer service in the future and that even if the trailer service was provided in the village centre, the mobile service would still be utilised in the outskirts of the Parish. The Chairman also mentioned that the County Council were considering using the trailer service in Chorley and South Ribble as well as West Lancashire.

Members were concerned that there was a danger that usage of the mobile service may drop off once the permanent library opens in Tarleton whereas the trailer library with its larger stock may well encourage people to use the service in the village.

Complaints had been received that the mobile van was parking too near the road junctions at Station Road/Moss Lane and Moss Lane/Boundary Lane.

85/88 RESOLVED:- A. That the County Librarian be requested to consider using the Trailer Library in Hesketh Bank once the new libraries in Tarleton and Parbold were in use,

B. That it be suggested to the County Librarian that the Village Hall Car Park would be a suitable location for the Trailer Library to park,

C. That the District County Librarian be requested to ask the Mobile Library driver to park in less dangerous positions at road junctions in the parish.

AMENITY CLEANSING

The Chairman reported that, insofar as West Lancashire was concerned, tenders for refuse collection services would be invited in January 1991 and tenders

for street cleansing services would be invited in August 1991. The starting dates for the contracts would be 3 months after acceptance of the tender.

Members felt that this Parish Council would be disadvantaged, as against the 3 parishes who employ a lengthsman, especially if it was decided to invite tenders for individual parishes. It was felt, therefore, that in order to gain the necessary experience over the next 2/3 years, the Council should again approach the District Council regarding the transfer of the function to the Parish Council.

86/88 RESOLVED:- A. That the District Council be again requested to transfer the necessary funds to the Parish Council to enable this Council to provide street cleansing services in the Parish,

B. That the District Council be requested to indicate what level of funds would be available for this work in 1989/90, and

C. That the request be made to the Chief Executive of the District Council with copies sent of the Director of Technical Services and the Leader of the Council.

ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that the annual rentals were due and asked for clarification of a number of matters. In May, Plots 16 and 17 had been allocated to Messrs R Baxter and T Iddon respectively, the Clerk reported that Mr Iddon had paid his rental for the current year and Mr P Bannister reported that Mr R Baxter had indicated that he wanted the plot but required confirmation of the rental. In June, Plots 13 and 20 had been allocated to Messrs S Bibby and R A Sergison respectively and the Clerk reported that Mr Sergison had paid the rental for next year and nothing had been heard from Mr Bibby. The Clerk undertook to send a reminder to Mr Bibby alongwith the accounts for next years rentals. The Clerk confirmed to Mr Iddon that Mr C Bond had not been paid for work undertaken on the allotments last year.

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2. Allotments Committee

5/88 RESOLVED:- a. That the Committee be comprised of the Chairman and four other members of the Council,

b. That the Chairman, Mrs C Finnan, Mrs J Witter, Mr P Bannister and Mr S Iddon be appointed to serve for the year 1988/89.

3. Footpaths Committee

6/88 RESOLVED:- a. That the Committee be comprised of three members of the Council,

b. That Mrs C Finnan, Mrs D Trippier and Mr J Hodson be appointed to serve for the year 1988/89.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

7/88 RESOLVED:- That the following appointments be made for the year 1988/89:-

a. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils (3) - The Chairman, the Vice - Chairman and Mrs M Baxter;

b. Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee (1 + substitute) - The Chairman with the Vice - Chairman as the substitute member.

c. Layfield Charity (1) - Mrs D Trippier

d. Village Hall Committee (1) - Mrs D Trippier

e. Lancashire Playing Fields Association (1) - Mrs J Witter

f. Council for the Protection of Rural England (1) - Mr J Hodson

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL MANAGERS

8/88 RESOLVED:- That the following appointments be made for the year 1988/89:-

a. Hesketh - with - Beconsall C E School (1) - Mrs M Baxter

b. Tarleton County Primary School (2) - Mrs D Trippier and Mr S Iddon

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

A. Parish Council Election A copy of the result had been received.

B. Committee Agenda and Minutes Included in the papers received was a timetable for meetings of the District Council Committees. It was explained that the Parish Council usually met on the Monday of the week in which the Planning Committee of the District Council met.

9/88 RESOLVED:- That meetings of the Parish Council be held on the following dates and the Clerk be authorised to notify the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee accordingly:-

13th June 1988

11th July 1988

8th August 1988

5th September 1988		3rd October 1988	31st October 1988
28th November 1988	Tuesday	3rd January 1989	30th January 1989
27th February 1989	Tuesday	28th March 1989	24th April 1989
15th May 1989 (Annual Meeting)			

C. Capital Programme & Revenue Estimates Copies of these two documents had been received from the District Council.

D. Fire over England Notification of this event had been received.

2. Other matters

A. Rural Development Commission It was noted that the Commission had now merged with CoSIRA.

B. West Lancashire Enterprise Trust Ltd Details of a narrowboat trip along the Leeds/Liverpool Canal, including the Rufford link to Tarleton, had been received. It was also reported that the County Council were to open up the Lancaster Canal to the Ribble estuary which would enable boats to travel from Lancaster into the River Douglas and could benefit the two boatyards.

C. West Lancashire Play Association A letter concerning the funding of the Association had been received and it was agreed to discuss the contents at a future meeting after members, who were each given a copy, had been able to read the document at their leisure.

D. Lancashire Playing Fields Association The Annual General Meeting would be held on Friday 3rd June 1988 at Rawtenstall.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

10/88 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	J Chohan Esq. - Works at Glenpark Drive	£ 85.00
b.	Mark W Taylor Esq., - Grasscutting at Recreation Ground	£ 24.00
c.	Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils - Subscription	£117.20
d.	R & E Carr - Construction & erection of bus shelter (Station Road/Moss Lane)	£767.67
e.	Lancashire County Council - Stationery (Already paid under previous authority)	£ 24.40

2. Receipts It was reported that the following had been received:-

a.	Precept for 1988/89 from West Lancs. District Council	£1570.00
b.	Bus shelter grant from Lancashire County Council	£ 865.30

3. Grants The Parochial Church Council of All Saints Church had requested a grant towards the upkeep of the Burial Ground at the Old Becconsall Church.

11/88 RESOLVED:- That a grant of £60 be paid towards the upkeep of the Burial Ground at the Old Becconsall Church.

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4. Bank signatories

12/88 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Vice - Chairman and Mrs C Finnan be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Parish Council.

5. Audit of accounts The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit of the Parish Council accounts would take place on the 13th June 1988 and the books would be on deposit at 1 Charles Close from the 27th May 1988 to the 10th June 1988 inclusive.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Foster asked who put the notices on the noticeboard and the Clerk indicated that he usually put all the notices on the board except for the election notices which were put there by the District Council.

Mrs Kidd referred to cars speeding along Shore Road and suggested a traffic count should be taken at the junction of Shore Road and School Fold. It was dangerous for schoolchildren who had to cross the road to reach the school. Mrs M Baxter said that the numbers crossing the road did not warrant the provision of a school crossing patrol and that the main problem was parents parking outside the school. Mr W Hill asked whether the school could organise members of staff to see the children across the road but it was felt that the teachers would not wish to take on such responsibility. Mr P Griffiths understood that only 7 children needed to cross the road daily to get to school.

Mrs Baxter and Mrs Witter undertook to speak to the Headmistress about the problems.

Mrs Kidd referred to the poor state of the pavements on Shore Road between School Fold and the Post Office and the Chairman indicated that he was constantly seeking improvements to the pavements in the Parish.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

13/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/88/0385 - Extensions at 429 Moss Lane
- b. No 08/88/0395 - Extensions at 2 Charles Close
- c. No 08/88/0433 - Established use certificate for Produce Merchant's Business at 202 Moss Lane
- d. No 08/88/0436 - Extensions at 108 Moss Lane

2. Planning Committee - 19th May 1988

14/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/88/0243 - Building for packing agricultural produce and retention of use of land for parking 2 lorries and trailer at 143 Moss Lane

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

- a. No 08/88/0201 - Extensions at 51 Newarth Lane

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- b. No 08/88/0226 - 14 bay block of greenhouses at 390 Moss Lane
- c. No 08/88/0220 - Extensions at 3 Norwood Avenue
- d. No 08/87/0785 - Outline for detached bungalow etc at 133 Moss lane (Section 52 agreement signed)
- e. No 08/88/0245 - Extensions at 71 Chapel Road

4. Northern Parishes District Plan The Clerk had asked Mr P Leech if he would be prepared to act for the Council in preparing a response to the Plan.

RECREATION GROUNDS AND PLAY AREAS

1. Glenpark Drive The Chairman reported that MSC would be starting the work shortly.

2. Recreation Ground The Chairman reported that MSC had arrived to start work today. There had been a problem in moving soil onto the football pitch, but this had now been laid, down the centre only, by the Boys Football Club.

3. Land adjacent to Becconsall Hotel The Chairman reported that he had agreed to arrange to meet Mr Harrison on the site to discuss the land required by the Council for a play area.

14/88 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to arrange for the Recreation Committee to meet Mr Harrison before the next meeting of the Council.

4. Land required by Sportsman's Club Members referred to the decision of the Council at the previous meeting to change the resolution relating to the use of a piece of land on the allotments for the erection of a hut by the Sportsman's Club and allow the Club to use land on the Recreation Ground. The Clerk reported that the decision had been taken in the light of additional information which had not been available at the previous meeting when the initial decision had been taken i.e. the letter from the Director of Planning. The Chairman said that a decision had been made by the members present at the last meeting and he was satisfied the decision was in order.

5. Inspection of play equipment

15/88 RESOLVED:- That Mrs C Finnan be authorised to inspect the play equipment for insurance purposes for the next three months.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Grass cutting A plan had been received from the County Council which indicated the grassed areas previously cut by the County Council. The areas included Chapel Road, Becconsall Lane, Guide Road, Shore Road and the embankment on Station Road Bridge.

16/88 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to approach Mr M W Taylor about cutting the untidy areas in Chapel Road and Shore Road.

2. Waiting Restrictions - Station Road Bridge A revised scheme had been received from the County Council.

17/88 RESOLVED:- That each member be given a copy of the revised proposals to enable a full discussion to take place at the next meeting of the Council.

3. Shore Road The Council noted that it was not County Council policy to put white lines at the edge of roads similar to Shore Road and that Mr Priestley would be looking at the road, with the police, at night time. The Council also noted a letter from Mr R Carr concerning the new lights on Shore Road. The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the County Council following the recent accident on Shore Road and Mr Priestley undertook to chase the suppliers of the new signs for the road.

4. Provision of lengthsmen The Council's attention was drawn to a statement made by Mr W Hill, in his election leaflet, that the Parish Council had refused the offer of a lengthsmen for the parish. It was stated that following a meeting at Ormskirk, the District Council had asked the Parish Council not to pursue the issue for the time being due to the impending privatisation of that service. It was also said that an offer had not been made by the District Council during the previous four years term of office of the Council. Mr Hill said he had printed the leaflet in good faith and would need to check the facts with his party leaders. The Chairman asked the meeting if it wished to re-apply for funds for a lengthsmen but the Council decided to take no further action at this time.

5. Footpaths Problems were reported on the Boatyard footpath and the footpath from Moss Lane to Wrights Farm and Mr J Hodson reported that the Ramblers Association were aware of both problems and had the matter in hand.

BUS SHELTERS

1. Insurance claims The Clerk reported on the outstanding insurance claims for damage to a number of bus shelters and advised the Council that the new glass shelter outside All Saints Church had been damaged by a vehicle only last week. The Insurance Company had been advised of the name and address of the owners of the vehicle and an estimate for repairs had been requested.

2. Shelter on Station Road near to Rankin Avenue It was reported that the builder had now ordered a glass shelter to match the one across the road and it should be ready for collection in the second week in June.

3. Cleaning of glass shelters The Chairman had arranged, on a temporary basis, for the cleaning of the two glass bus shelters, once per month, at a cost of £5 per month. The person lived outside the parish and members felt that the work should be offered to a resident.

18/88 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to place an advertisement on the Parish Notice Boards asking for tenders for the cleaning of the glass bus shelters to be submitted to the Clerk before the next meeting of the Council.

4. Shelter at junction of Station Road and Moss Lane The question of some form of protection for this shelter was discussed and it was suggested that bollards similar to those on the corner of Hesketh Drive, Southport may be appropriate. Members were asked to look at those bollards before the next meeting of the Council when a further discussion would be held.

STANDING ORDERS

19/88 RESOLVED:- That the provisions of Standing Order No 17 be waived to enable the remaining items of business to be dealt with at this meeting.

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ALLOTMENTS

1. Tenancies The Clerk reported that Mr J Buck was giving up his two allotments with immediate effect. It was also reported that Mr A J Whiteside had not done any work on his two plots for some time. An application had been received from Mr R Sergison of 'Eastleigh', Guide Road.

20/88 RESOLVED:- A. That Mr A J Whiteside be asked about his future intentions with regard to the two plots for which he had already paid the rental for the current year,

B. That the two plots given up by Mr J Buck, Nos 16 & 17 be allocated as follows:-

No 16 - Mr R Baxter of 14 Greenfields

No 17 - Mr T Iddon of 74 Chapel Road (This was allocated to Mr Iddon following the toss of a coin between him and Mr S Bibby of 80 Chapel Road as both had applied at the same time),

C. That in the event of Mr A J Whiteside giving up his allotments, one of his plots be allocated to Mr S Bibby of 80 Chapel Road, and

D. That arrangements be made for the Allotments Committee to visit the allotments for an inspection prior to the next meeting of the Council.

2. Allotments Notice Board

21/88 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to approach Mr J Monk of Blackgate Lane, Tarleton about the provision of a notice board for the allotments in accordance with the recommendation made by the Allotments Committee last year.

P. J. Handley

13th June 1988.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 5th SEPTEMBER 1988

PRESENT:-

Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

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

Messrs P Griffiths; S Iddon and J Hodson

Apologies were received from Mrs C Finnan and Mr W Hill and 3 members of the public were present.

MINUTES

87/88 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th August 1988 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Sewerage Farm, Marsh Road The Chairman reported on alterations which would be made to the holding tanks and indicated that he had arranged to visit the Sewerage Farm on Thursday morning. Members were concerned that backing up was still occurring in Shore Road and the Chairman undertook to ask if the Farm would be able to cope with the increased capacity when all the improvements had been finished. The Chairman suggested that any member who wished to visit the site should accompany him on Thursday.

2. Car Boot Sales There had been no response to the Clerk's letters but it was reported that for the last sale cones had been placed on the Bridge on the Becconsall Hotel side. It was also reported that there would be no more sales until next year.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

River Ribble Footpath The Chairman reported that the County Council had produced a plan of footpath walks in Lancashire which included a Riverside Walk from Preston to the River Douglas and the West Lancashire Planning Officer felt there was a good case for continuing the footpath on this side of the river. The County Council had been informed of that view.

2. Other Matters

A. Visit by Member of Parliament A letter had been received from the MP who wished to visit the Parish Council. Unfortunately it would not be possible for him to attend either this meeting or the next meeting in October.

B. West Lancashire Enterprise Trust Ltd An autumn exhibition was to be held in Aughton on Sunday 2nd October 1988 and notices would be placed on the Council noticeboards.

C. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils A newsletter had been received and a copy of a Boundary Commission Report on the past 5 years work of the Commission had also been received. A Code of Practice on Government Publicity was available for members of the Council. The Clerk was requested to obtain a copy of the criteria for the 1988/89 small grant programme of the Sports Council and the Chairman undertook to attend the launch of the policy statement of The Rural Voice in Lancashire on Monday 19th September.

D. British Red Cross Society Mrs L Kershaw undertook to act as a contact between the Parish Council and the British Red Cross Society and the Clerk undertook to advise the Society accordingly.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

88/88 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	Mark W Taylor Esq., Grass cutting at Recreation Ground	£ 24.00
	Grass cutting grass verges	£ 24.00
b.	T J Quinn Esq., Cleaning bus shelters	£ 7.00
c.	Lancashire Playing Fields Assoc., Annual subscription	£ 10.00
d.	B W Rimmer Esq., Clerk's salary & expenses (includes £2.41 VAT)	£224.97

2. Receipts The following sums had been received:-

a.	Lancashire County Council - Grant for grass cutting	£200.00
b.	Allotment tenants - Allotment rents	£104.50
c.	Changing hut rents - Hesketh Bank AFC & Hesketh Bank Boys FC	£ 30.00

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Foster asked where the MP would sit at a meeting of the Council and also if the pumping capacity at the Pumping Station was adequate.

The Chairman, in answer to the first question, indicated that the MP would be attending the meeting as a guest of the Council and would sit at the table with the Chairman and Clerk. With regard to the Pumping Station, the Chairman reported that additional pumps had been installed last year and Mr P Griffiths confirmed that the pumps were adequate for the capacity required.

PLANNING MATTERS

(Mr J Hodson arrived at this point)

1. Weekly lists

A. Application No. 08/88/0880 - 3 detached houses, land adj. 49 Glenpark Drive

The Chairman reported that another application, for 2 houses, had been lodged in respect of this site.

89/88 RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be advised that this Council believes that 3 dwellings on this site is too many and that 2 dwellings would be more practicable.

B. Application No. 08/88/0875 - Detached house & garage and retention of access road as constructed, Station Road (Plot 1)

The Chairman reported that the application was concerned with the repositioning of the garages.

90/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

C. Application No. 08/88/0918 - Outline for detached dwelling & garage and alterations to access, 202 Moss Lane

It was reported that this application would split the existing site into 2 plots.

91/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Committee - Thursday 8th September 1988

There were no items affecting this Parish.

3. Lambourn, Shore Road Complaints had been received regarding the number of signs at this site.

92/88 RESOLVED:- That the Director of Planning be advised of the number of signs at this site and be asked to investigate and take appropriate action.

4. Application No. 08/88/0709 - Oil and gas exploration It was reported that this application had been approved by the County Council and the Chairman undertook to obtain a copy of the approval and the conditions placed on the approval by the County Council.

5. Ordnance Survey Maps The last survey had been undertaken between 1970 and 1975 but the local surveyors updated the maps as necessary. Maps of the area could be bought at a cost of £16.10 per map covering 1 square kilometer.

93/88 RESOLVED:- a. That a copy of the letter from Ordnance Survey be forwarded to the Director of Planning for his comments and

b. That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, be authorised to purchase copies of the most up-to-date maps covering this Parish.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. School sign and 30 mph sign, Shore Road The school sign had been moved and the Clerk agreed to remind the County Surveyor about the previous request to light the sign and to provide a larger 30 mph sign.

2. Bus shelters The County Council had decided to continue making grants towards the maintenance of bus shelters upto a maximum of the amount included in the Parish Council's estimates for the current year i.e. £150. In addition further grant would be available to cover 50% of the cost of repainting the concrete bus shelters.

94/88 RESOLVED:- a. That the six concrete bus shelters be repainted using Leyland Paints Exterior Grey Emulsion,

b. That tenders be invited for the work by means of an advertisement on the Parish Council Noticeboards,

c. That Mr T J Quinn be invited to submit a tender,

and d. That tenders be received in time for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

3. Streetlights Mr S Iddon agreed to report to the County Council that lights Nos. 1 & 2 in Guide Road were out and the Clerk undertook to request the County Council to inspect light No 5 which appeared to be in an unstable condition.

4. Hedges The Clerk undertook to request the County Council to see to the hedge bottoms on both sides of Station Road where it approaches The Brow.

5. Street Seats

95/88 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to ask Mr N Marsden to repair the seats at the corners of Moss Lane and Station Road and Boundary Lane and Moss Lane.

6. Footpaths Mr J Hodson reported that Footpath 17, between Moss Lane and Boundary Lane, had been re-aligned with the consent of the landowners and the County Council would be visiting the site to advise on waymarkers. A plank was required across the ditch and Mr Hodson had a book which outlined the law on footpaths and the Clerk and Chairman agreed to read the relevant parts prior to the next meeting.

(Mr S Iddon left the meeting at this point.)

7. Moss Lane Mrs J Witter reported that materials were being stored on the footway outside 133 Moss Lane and were obstructing the footway. A new watermain was being installed down the centre of the road and this was causing enough problems to vehicles passing along Moss Lane. In addition a number of lights were out. The Chairman had reported the lights to the County Council who were awaiting repairs being carried out by NORWEB. The Chairman had been promised that the repairs would be completed before the end of this week. The Chairman undertook to report the obstruction to the local Police Officer.

8. Street Nameplate The Chairman, in response to Mrs D Trippier indicated that a nameplate would be erected at The Walk possibly in the autumn.

9. Naming of Streets No replies had yet been received to the Clerk's letters.

RECREATION GROUNDS AND PLAY AREAS

1. Maintenance of Football Pitch The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Hesketh Bank Boys FC together with accounts totalling £1299-12 in respect of materials used on the football pitch during the summer. The main item was in respect of 138 tons of soil for £1110-90. Other accounts were for grass seed (£95-72), grass cutting (£12-00) and plumbing repairs (£80.50) The Club had also requested a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss the liability for paying the accounts. The Chairman reported that he had agreed to the Boys Club doing the work on the pitch but had not authorised the purchase of the soil. The Chairman had authorised the purchase of additional grass seed and was aware that the plumbing repairs were to be carried out but did not

appreciate that the Council would be expected to foot the bill. It was pointed out that Standing Orders set down that competitive tenders must be obtained for the supply of materials or services costing more than £200

96/88 RESOLVED:- a. That the account for the supply of additional grass seed be paid in the sum of £87.02 (£95.72 less the credit charge of £8.70),

b. That the account for the grass cutting be paid in the sum of £12.00,

c. That the Boys Club be advised that the Council will submit an insurance claim to the Council's Insurers for the plumbing repairs and will re-imburse to the Club any monies received from the Insurance Company,

d. That the Boys Club be advised that the Council have not included any amount in this year's budget for expenditure of the level expended by the Club on soil, that the provisions of the Council's Standing Orders have not been complied with in respect of the purchase of the soil, that the Club has not seen fit to consult the Council on the amount of soil required, that no authority was given for the Club to use the Parish Council's name in ordering the soil and, therefore, that the account has been returned to the Contractor who has been advised that the Parish Council cannot legally pay the amount,

e. That the Club's request for a meeting will be considered by the Council when an assurance is received by the Clerk that the account for the soil will be settled by the Club, and,

f. That the Club be advised that in future all requests to carry out work must be submitted to the Clerk, in writing, together with estimates for any materials or labour required, and no work must be started without the written authority of the Parish Council.

2. Play Equipment The repair of the igloo was in hand.

3. Area adjacent to the Becconsall Hotel The Recreation Committee had met at the site and recommended that tenders be invited for levelling an area commencing approximately 36 ft from the fence behind the houses in Cherry Vale, the area to be levelled measuring approximately 60ft long x 12ft wide.

97/88 RESOLVED:- a. That tenders be invited for the levelling of the area adjacent to the Becconsall Hotel required for a childrens play area,

b. That a notice be placed on the Council Noticeboards inviting tenders to be submitted before the next meeting of the Council,

c. That G Johnson, 255 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, S Iddon, 30 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank, S Ball, 20 Newarth Lane, Hesketh Bank, and P Taylor, West Point, Boundary Meanygate, Hundred End be invited to tender for the work, and

d. That a Planning Application be submitted to the District Council for the change of use of the area from rough land on which children already play to a children's play area.

ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that Mr N Iddon wished to give up his allotment at the end of the current year and that at least one allotment holder had not paid the rental for next year.

98/88 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to seek confirmation from Mr N Iddon that he wishes to give up his allotment and to advise those tenants who have not paid their rental that the outstanding amounts must be paid before the next meeting of the Council.

LIBRARY SERVICES

It was reported that no reply had been received to the letter about the Trailer Library service. The District Librarian had spoken to the mobile library drivers about the stopping points in the Parish and had asked for suggestions for a suitable point in the vicinity of Station Road and Moss Lane. Mr J Hodson agreed to speak to Mrs Procter about this problem with the possibility of Altys being approached about land in their ownership.

STANDING ORDERS

99/88 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.

AMENITY CLEANSING

The letter to the District Council had been acknowledged and would be dealt with on Mr Cowdall's return from leave.

P. J. Handley.

3rd October 1988.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 3rd OCTOBER 1988

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames L Kershaw; D Trippier and J Witter

Messrs P Griffiths; J Hodson; P Bannister and W Hill

MINUTES Apologies were received from Mesdames M Baxter & C Finnan and Mr S Iddon and 3 members of the public were present.

100/88. RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th September 1988, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Sewerage Farm, Marsh Road The Chairman, Mrs Trippier and Professor and Mrs Kershaw had visited the Farm and the Professor had prepared a document setting out the new proposals which was passed to members present. (A copy of the document is also attached to these minutes).

The Professor was impressed at the economical way the change over was being effected and Mrs L Kershaw was asked to pass on to Professor Kershaw the Parish Council's thanks for preparing the report.

The Chairman advised the Council that the completion date for the laying of the new pipe in Station Road was June/July 1989.

2. Policy Statement of The Rural Voice in Lancashire The Chairman had attended the launch of this statement and the Clerk was requested to obtain a further ten copies for members of the Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

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

b. Council Agenda - 28th September 1988

Planning Application No 08/88/0544 - Detached house etc., Plot South of Becconsall Lane This application had been approved as submitted.

c. Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee - 20th October 1988
The Chairman was unable to attend but Mrs D Trippier and Mrs L Kershaw would attend.

2. Other Matters

a. West Lancashire Victims Support Scheme The Annual General Meeting was to be held on the 5th October 1988 and Mrs L Kershaw undertook to represent the Parish Council.

b. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils The Annual General Meeting was to be held at County Hall, Preston on 19th November 1988 and the Chairman, Mrs D Trippier and Mrs L Kershaw would be attending.

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c. LAP&TC - Newsletter The Clerk was asked to obtain more information about the Grants scheme sponsored by British Telecom and The Community Council of Lancashire.

d. CCL News The latest edition had been received.

e. LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee The next meeting was to be held on the 14th October 1988.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

101/88. RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

A.	T J Quinn Esq - Cleaning of bus shelters	£ 7.00
B.	NWWA - Water charges	£ 8.75
C.	J Chohan Esq., - Work at Glenpark Drive	£65.00
D.	Coopers & Lybrand - Audit Fee	£57.94

2. Audit of accounts for 1987/88 The Auditors had written to the effect that all queries had been settled over the telephone.

102/88. RESOLVED:- That a Vote of Thanks be passed to the Clerk for his work on the Council's Accounts.

3. Receipts The Clerk reported the receipt of the second half-years contribution to concurrent expenditure from the District Council amounting to £339.00.

4. Burial Ground Grant A letter of thanks had been received from the Parochial Church Council.

5. Election Expenses The Clerk reported that the election expenses amounted to £360.23 and this amount had been debited to the Parochial Account.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Development in Moss Lane Mr Dickinson spoke about a planning application on the site adjacent to his property and indicated that the site was very tight, that a shoe-horning effect was required to build the dwelling that the access was on a dangerous bend and that the area was becoming over developed.

2. Insurance Mr Foster asked about third party insurance in respect of work being undertaken for the Council and the Chairman replied that all contractors would be covered by their own insurance.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists The Council considered the following applications:

a. No. 08/88/0950 - O/L detached bungalow & garage and new access, 24 Moss Lane

103/88. RESOLVED:- That the Council object to this application on the grounds that the site should have been incorporated into the Woodlee Road development, the site is severely restricted, the building will have to be built sideways to existing development, the development could be described as

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backfilling, it is necessary to remove an existing greenhouse, the light to No 26 will be severely restricted and the egress is on a particularly hazardous part of Moss Lane.

b. No. 08/88/0979 - O/L 2 detached houses with garages and new access, junction of Shore Road and Glenpark Drive

104/88. RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No. 08/88/0980 - Replacement bungalow, 427 Moss Lane (Amendment of No. 08/87/0630)

105/88. RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. No. 08/88/1004 - Extensions, 2 Woodlee Road

106/88. RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

e. No. 08/88/1025 - Removal of Agricultural Worker's occupancy, Ribble Hall, Shore Road.

This application was dealt with later in the meeting.

f. No. 08/88/1039 - Extensions to Rest Home, 92 Station Road

107/88. RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to obtain the plans for the next meeting of the Council.

g. No. 08/88/1051 CM - Renewal - Removal of flood embankment/ Restoration of land, off Guide Road

108/88. RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to obtain the plans for the next meeting of the Council.

h. No. 08/88/1055 - Detached house with garage, vehicle/ pedestrian access, The Smithy (Plot 1) adj. 29 Shore Road

109/88. RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Committee - 6th October 1988 The Council considered the following items:-

a. No. 08/88/918 - O/L Detached dwelling & garage and alterations to access, land adj. 202 Moss Lane

110/88. RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

Mr J Hodson arrived at this point in the meeting.

b. No. 08/88/0798 - Nursery greenhouses, storage/packing building, detached bungalow, land adj. Tarnacre, Boundary Meanygate

111/88. RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No. 08/86/0749 - Full, retention of detached house, 2 garages, utility, shower room, passage and store, construction of new vehicular access, Ribble Hall Farm

It was reported that the Director's recommendation was to approve the application without any agricultural worker's occupancy condition.

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112/88. RESOLVED:- That a letter of strong objection be sent to the District Council on the grounds that there do not appear to be any clear planning reasons for not placing a Section 52 condition on the building, that the views of the County Land Agent are not available and that the most recent application for the lifting of the Section 52 condition is being dealt with with alarming alacrity.

d. Approved since last meeting The Council noted that the following application had been approved:-

No. 08/88/0875 - Detached house & garage and retention of access road, Station Road(Plot1)

3. Other matters

a. Lambourn, Shore Road A reply was still awaited.

b. Oil & gas exploration A copy of the approval had been received and the Chairman indicated that the provision of passing places had not been included in the conditions as the County Planning Officer did not consider them to be necessary.

c. Ordnance Survey Maps A total of 4 maps, covering the Parish, had been ordered at a cost of £22.80 each plus postage. A reply was still awaited from the Planning Department.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. School Fold The County Surveyor had written to the District Council to the effect that the road was the responsibility of the Highways Authority and suggesting a meeting to discuss the immediate needs and a timescale for the work required. A copy of the letter had been passed to County Councillor Miss S R Taylor.

113/88. RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor be informed that this Council considers that the road should be made up as soon as possible due to its current usage by schoolchildren and elderly people and the fact that it becomes a sea of lakes in wet weather.

2. Streetlight in Guide Road The County Council had indicated that the reported light would be repaired.

3. Street Seats The repairs were in hand.

4. Footways

a. Station Road Bridge It was reported that grass and weeds were coming through the fence onto the footway and Mr J Hodson indicated that the Council workers who were currently on The Brow were aware of the problem and the need to cut back the offending growth.

b. Moss Lane The building materials on the footway in Moss Lane had been moved about 2 days after the previous meeting of the Council. The Council were, however, concerned about the lack of liaison between the various public utilities regarding works in roads which required excavations.

5. Naming of Streets It was reported that the new development off Station Road near to Rankin Avenue was to be named 'Orchard Close'. The Clerk was requested to send a reminder to the developer of the 'Jumps Farm' site.

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BUS SHELTERS

1. Painting of concrete shelters Only one tender had been received from Mr T Quinn of Southport. The tender was for 15 litres of paint (£40.20) and labour for 5 shelters at £15 per shelter (£75.00), total tender price - ££115.20. It was reported that the invitation had listed 6 shelters but there were in fact 7 shelters which required painting.

114/88. RESOLVED:- That the tender from Mr T Quinn of Southport be accepted in the following amounts:-

Paint - 15 litres at £13.40 per 5 litres	£ 40.20
Labour - 7 shelters at £15 per shelter	105.00
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	£145.20

In addition authority be given for Mr Quinn to purchase an additional 5 litres of paint if it is necessary.

2. Shelter outside All Saints Church The Clerk undertook to chase up the repairs to this shelter.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Maintenance of Football Pitch, Recreation Ground, Shore Road No replies had been received to the Clerk's letters.

2. Land adjacent to the Becconsall Hotel One tender had been received for the levelling work required and 2 other contractors had indicated an interest in tendering subject to clarification as to whether any drainage work was required. Mr J Hodson advised of the existence of a ditch near to the area to be levelled and the Chairman and Mr W Hill undertook to visit the site and ascertain whether drainage works were required at this time.

115/88. RESOLVED:- That, in the light of the site visit by the Chairman and Mr W Hill, the Clerk be authorised to advise the 2 possible tenderers of the situation regarding drainage and inform them that the date for the receipt of tenders has been extended to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

3. Play equipment, Recreation Ground, Shore Road The bent metal bar on the igloo had been straightened by Messrs P Griffiths and W Hill.

ALL SAINTS C E SCHOOL - SCHOOL MANAGER

It was reported that the School Managers were being re-constituted due to the adoption of the new Instruments of Government.

116/88. RESOLVED:- That Mrs M Baxter be re-appointed as the Parish Council's Governor on the All Saints C E School Governing Body for a further period of 12 months.

ALLOTMENTS

1. Allocation of plots There was still some doubt over the intentions of Mr N Iddon with regard to Plot No. 5.

117/88. RESOLVED:- That the plot be re-allocated at the next meeting of

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the Council unless Mr N Iddon indicates by then that he wishes to retain the tenancy for a further year.

2. Notice Board

118/88. RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to ask Mr N Marsden to make a suitable notice board to place at the entrance of the allotments and that members of the Council look for a signwriter to paint the board and bring suggestions to the next meeting of the Council.

3. Ditch alongside 64 Shore Road It was reported that this ditch was getting full and required work to the bottom.

119/88. RESOLVED:- That Mr P Bannister be authorised to inspect the ditch and report back to the next meeting of the Council with his recommendation as to the work required to alleviate the problem.

LIBRARY SERVICES

1. Trailer Library The County District Librarian had apologised for omitting to consult the Parish Council when consideration was being given to further sites for the Trailer Service in the light of the provision of permanent Libraries at Parbold and Tarleton. However, it had been decided that no new sites would be utilised in West Lancashire. The District Librarian did not consider the Parish to be disadvantaged due to the additional stops now made by the mobile service. The County Librarian had confirmed that view.

120/88. RESOLVED:- That the County Librarian be advised that this Parish Council believes there would be a significant increase in demand if a Trailer Service was provided especially from people who worked during the day and, therefore, could not use the Mobile Library, and that the Council believes that the introduction of a permanent library in Tarleton would mean a reduction in the mobile service to this Parish.

2. Mobile Library - Stopping place Station Road/Moss Lane junction
Mr J Hodson reported that he had approached Mr R Whitehead about the possibility of the van stopping on the piece of land behind the Chemist shop and the Company would consider any official request made to use that land.

121/88. RESOLVED:- That the County District Librarian be advised that Messrs. Alty's would consider allowing the library van to stop on their land if an official request was made.

AMENITY CLEANSING

The Clerk was requested to remind the District Council that a response was still awaited.

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HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 31st OCTOBER 1988

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

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

Messrs P Bannister; P Griffiths; W Hill and J Hodson

Apologies were received from Mrs C Finnan and 1 member of the public was present.

MINUTES

122/88 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd October 1988 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Rural Voice in Lancashire 10 copies of the policy statement had been received and distributed to members of the Council.

2. West Lancashire Victims Support Scheme Mrs L Kershaw had attended the meeting and reported that over 800 visits had been made in West Lancashire during the past 12 months, that the wages of the Co-ordinator were funded by the Home Office but the support of the parishes was still required for the day to day running expenses of the Scheme. The guest speaker had been Mr Ken Hind MP.

3. Lancs. Association of Parish & Town Councils - AGM Mrs M Baxter would attend the meeting in place of Mrs D Trippier who was unavailable.

4. Tarleton County Primary School - School Governors As the Parish Council had now lost the right to nominate a Governor, the Governors had decided to appoint the Chairman of the Parish Council as one of the Co-opted Governors. It was also reported that Mrs L Kershaw had not been re-appointed by the County Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Technical Services Committee The Council noted that the new development at Station Road near to Rankin Avenue, had now been named as previously reported to this Council.

b. Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee The date of the meeting had been changed to the 24th November 1988 and the Chairman could now attend the meeting.

2. County Council

a. Public Transport Policy Review A copy of the Review had been received and was being studied by the Chairman.

b. Recycling Activities at County Council Household Waste Disposal Centres It was agreed to invite the Waste Disposal Officer to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council.

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3. Other Matters

a. West Lancashire Enterprise Trust An Enterprise Evening was to be held at Tarleton High School on the 10th November 1988 from 6pm to 9pm and posters had been displayed in the parish.

b. Community Council of Lancashire Details of the Village Projects Fund and Small Grants from the Childrens Play & Recreation Unit had been received.

c. West Lancashire Twinning Association The Annual General Meeting was to be held on the 14th November 1988.

d. Remembrance Sunday The Parish Council had been invited to attend the annual Service of Remembrance when the front pew would be reserved. Members intending to attend should meet outside the Church at about 10.20am.

e. Tomorrows People Today The Community Visitor Programme would end in December 1988 and it was hoped that the most needy in the parish would be visited by volunteers from the local churches. The Scheme had thanked the Parish Council for its past support.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

123/88 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

A.	J & H Platt - Maps of the parish (Already paid)	£92.70
B.	West Lancs. District Council - Planning application (Already paid)	£33.00
C.	Community Council of Lancashire - 10 Booklets	£12.10
D.	Mark W Taylor Esq., - Grass cutting	£98.00
E.	Royal British Legion - Wreath for Remembrance Sunday	£10.00

2. Other Matters A letter from the Auditors apologising for sending out early reminders about payment of the Audit Fee was noted.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Foster asked whether the Home Office were looking at any sites in Hesketh Bank for a new prison and the Chairman indicated that, to the knowledge of this Council, no sites were being considered in this area.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

a. No 08/88/1155 - Use of farm building for storage of furniture and carpets. It was not clear which building was the subject of this application. The Council had been advised by the Enforcement Officer that a number of signs currently displayed were included in the previous permission on this site whilst discussions were taking place with the applicants regarding the other signs.

124/88 RESOLVED:- That a decision be deferred pending the receipt of more information about this application.



2. Planning Committee - 3rd November 1988

a. Planning Applications

A. No 08/88/0918 - O/L one detached dwelling & garage and alterations to access, Land adj. to 202 Moss Lane

125/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

B. No 08/88/0979 - O/L two detached houses with garages and new vehicular access, Land at Shore Road/Glenpark Drive

126/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

C. No 08/88/1051 - Renewal - Removal of redundant flood embankment and restore to agricultural use, The Old Embankment, Guide Road

127/88 RESOLVED:- That the District Council and the County Council be informed that this Council suggests that permission be withheld until the completion of the gas and oil exploration on the grounds that the embankment acts as a screen to the proposed exploration site and that the removal of soil from this embankment should be via the improved Dib Road rather than Guide Road as provided in the previous approval.

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

- A. No 08/88/0980 - Replacement bungalow. 427 Moss Lane
- B. No 08/88/1004 - Extensions, 2 Woodlee Road

3. Other Matters

a. Application No 08/88/1039 - Extensions to Rest Home, 92 Station Road. The Chairman reported that the extensions would provide for an additional 12 beds and a lounge.

128/88 RESOLVED:- That a decision be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

b. Appeals It was reported that appeals had been lodged in respect of the following two applications which had been refused by the District Council:-

No 08/88/0269 - Change of use to residential and extensions to South End Cottage, Chapel Road

No 08/88/0270 - Change of use to residential and extensions to Bank Cottage, Chapel Road

129/88 RESOLVED:- That no representations be made in respect of these two appeals.

c. Site adjacent to Beconsall Hotel The Clerk had made a planning application in respect of this site.

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d. Ribble ~~Bank~~ Farm, Hundred End The application had been approved subject to the completion of a Section 52 Agreement. The Chairman had met Mr Crook, the applicant but there was a basic disagreement over the issue of the Section 52 Agreement.

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HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Station Road Bridge It was reported that just after the last meeting of the Council, the footways on Station Road Bridge were attended to by the County Council.

2. Naming of Streets A letter had been received from The Mason Richards Partnership, on behalf of Lancashire Homes Ltd., to the effect that approval had been given to the name 'Rose Gardens' by the District Council and the company would only consider a change of name if the Parish Council undertook to re-imburse the financial costs already incurred and the projected costs of producing new sales literature. The company also implied that the residents were more than pleased with the name of 'Rose Gardens'.

130/88 RESOLVED:- A. That the developer be advised that the Parish Council has not been consulted either by the District Council nor by the developer,

B. That the developer be advised that the Parish Council believe that views of the purchasers of the properties are hardly representative of the residents of the parish,

C. That the developer be advised that the Parish Council are disappointed to lose the name of Jumps Farm and its historical connection with the parish and, therefore, maintains its objection to the proposed name of 'Rose Gardens',

D. That the whole question of the naming of streets in parishes and possible consultation by the District Council, be raised with the West Lancashire Area Committee of the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Area adjacent to Beconsall Hotel It was reported that two tenders had been received for the necessary levelling of this site as follows:-

S Ball Esq. - £ 400.00
G Johnson Esq. - £ 150.00

131/88 RESOLVED:- That the tender submitted by G Johnson in the sum of £150.00 be accepted and that Mr Johnson be advised that the work can be undertaken when planning permission has been received.

2. Play Equipment at Recreation Ground The Chairman advised the Council that Mrs C Finnan had reported that the rubber seats on the swings were slowly being cut away but did not require attention at this point in time. The Chairman also reported that Mrs Finnan's three month period for inspecting the equipment on a weekly basis *had come to an end.*

132/88 RESOLVED:- That Mrs L Kershaw be authorised to carry out weekly inspections of the play equipment at the Recreation Ground, Shore Road for a period of 3 months from the 1st November 1988.

3. Glenpark Drive Play Area The Chairman reported that water was being held around the logs and work was required to alleviate the problem.

133/88 RESOLVED:- That Mr J Chohan be requested to inspect the area and advise on remedial action and whether he would be able to undertake the necessary work and that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to place an order for the work in the light of the advice received.

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

Mrs L Kershaw reported on the meeting held on the 14th October 1988, as follows:-

a. Amenity Cleansing The District Council had not yet decided whether to invite tenders for the whole of the district or to split the district up into smaller parcels. In any event, Parish Councils would be able to tender for the work and perhaps parishes may wish to join together for that purpose. It was essential for parishes to decide, before February 1989, the standard of cleaning required in their parish.

b. Footway lighting The District Council had allocated an amount of £7150 to enable the 1986/87 programme to be completed and all lights in this parish except for the one in School Fold, which was being referred to the County Council, would be erected.

c. Community Charge The District Council had circulated some calculations relating to the community charge and from the figures quoted, this parish would appear to be under-represented on the District Council. It was agreed to place a suitable item for discussion on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

d. Loans and 'A', 'B' and 'C' Schemes Applications for loans should have been made by the 31st October 1988, and applications for 'A', 'B' and 'C' had to be made before Christmas. It was agreed to discuss the issue at the next meeting of the Council.

e. County Subscriptions It was likely that these would rise in the next financial year.

ORMSKIRK DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL

Mr K Hind MP was seeking the Council's support in making representations to the Regional Health Authority about the delay in commencing the extensions to this hospital. The Health Authority had met last week and changed their original decision and the project would go ahead. It was agreed that no action was required by the Council.

ALLOTMENTS

1. Allocation of plot No response had been received from Mr N Iddon.

134/88 RESOLVED:- That Plot No 5 be allocated to Mr James Whittingham and that Mr N Iddon be advised accordingly.

2. Cleaning out of ditch Mr P Bannister reported that the ditch alongside plot No 20 required cleaning out using mechanical equipment.

135/88 RESOLVED:- A. That Mr G Johnson be requested to provide an estimate for the necessary work to the ditch alongside Plot No 20 on the allotments,

B. That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mr P Bannister be authorised to place an order for the work if the price is acceptable, and

C. That on completion of the work, the account be forwarded to the North West Water Authority for payment.

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AMENITY CLEANSING

The District Council's Officers had indicated that it was not the right time to consider transferring work to the Parish Councils as the Unions would not like to see work taken away from their members whilst changes regarding competitive tendering were underway, that no work was available for any work taken away from the District Council's workforce, that if payment was made to this Council the District Council would need to find savings elsewhere in the budget and that no decisions should be taken which may affect the chances of the Council's Direct Labour Organisation winning the contract when it is put out to tender. The Chairman felt that consideration should be given to setting down the standards this Parish Council requires from the new contractor.

135/88 RESOLVED:- That a Sub-Committee be appointed, consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mr P Griffiths, to look at the standards required by this Parish Council and make recommendations to a future meeting of the Parish Council.

HESKETH - WITH - BECONSALL C E SCHOOL - APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNOR

136/88 RESOLVED:- That Mrs M Baxter be appointed as a Governor of the School for a period of 3 years.

PARISH COUNCIL ESTIMATES

The Council considered the Revised Estimates for the year 1988/89. as submitted by the Clerk, and the estimates for 1989/90. The Chairman indicated that the Community Workers would stop in December this year and he suggested that the Parish Council may wish to continue to make a donation of £52 per annum to the Village Hall Committee to replace the income lost by the termination of the Vistor's service.

The Chairman advised the Council that, as a result of information he had obtained, he believed that the Clerk's salary was well below the level the Council would have to pay to attract a new Clerk if Mr Rimmer decided to leave for any reason. His investigations had revealed that a similar Council had just engaged a new Clerk at a salary of £1250 per annum and a second Council, albeit larger in size, was paying £1500 per annum. It was generally agreed that even with an increase in line with inflation for the forthcoming year, the Clerk's new salary of £772 would still be a long way below the 'going rate'. Discussion then took place as to whether the salary should be brought up to £1250 per annum in one year or over a period of 3 three years by adding a third of the difference in salary for the next three years with the amounts for years two and three also subject to inflation.

The Council were also asked to consider paying one half of the rental charges of the Clerk's telephone in return for the Clerk not charging the Council for any calls made on their behalf. The effect of this would be to reduce the records currently kept by the Clerk.

The Council were further asked to consider paying the election expenses out of balances rather than as part of the precept for next year.

137/88 RESOLVED:- A. That the Revised Estimates, as submitted by the Clerk be approved, (a copy appears in the Minute Book)

B. That a amount of £52 be included in the Estimates for 1989/90 as a donation to the Village Hall Committee,

C. That steps be taken, over the next three years, to bring the Clerk's salary up to a level equivalent with a salary of £1250 as at the 1st April 1989, by adding a third of the difference between the salary which would normally be paid from the 1st April 1989 and a salary of

£1250, in each of the next three years and subject to the salary being paid in years 2 and 3 also including an amount to cover inflation for those two years, (as a result of the above decision, the Clerk's salary from the 1st April 1989 will be as follows:-

salary 1988/89	£728
inflation 6%	<u>44</u>
	772
$\frac{1}{3}$ difference between £772 & £1250	<u>160</u>
	<u>£932</u>),

D. That as from the 1st April 1989, the Clerk be re-imbursed with $\frac{1}{2}$ of the rental charges for his telephone in lieu of claiming for telephone calls made on behalf of the Council,

E. That, subject to the above decisions, the Estimates for 1989/90, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book, be approved for submission to the District Council,

F. That a decision on the method of paying the election expenses for 1988 be deferred until the Council is asked to set its precept for 1989/90.

P. J. Handley.

28th November 1988.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 28th NOVEMBER 1988

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)
Mesdames D Trippier and J Witter
Messrs P Bannister; P Griffiths; W Hill; J Hodson and S Iddon
Apologies were received from Mesdames M Baxter; C Finnan and L Kershaw and 3 members of the Press and public were present.

MINUTES

138/88 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 31st October 1988 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to the following addition:-

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Item 2 Play Equipment at Recreation Ground after 'weekly basis' add 'had come to an end.'

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Tarleton Primary School - Governors The Chairman of the Governors had confirmed that the new Articles of Government were now in force and the first full meeting had been held on the 8th November 1988. The Chairman of the Council had attended that meeting and reported that there were 3 residents of Hesketh Bank on the Governing Body including himself. The other two residents were Parent Governors.

2. Recycling activities of the County Council The Clerk reported that Miss J Pamphilon would attend the next meeting of the Parish Council. It was also reported that the waste paper bin at the School was being well used.

3. West Lancashire Enterprise Trust The Chairman had attended and reported that the room had been reasonably full with a large array of exhibitions. The organisers felt that the evening had gone well.

4. Remembrance Sunday The Chairman was pleased with the turn out of Parish Councillors for this event.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council The District Council had now advised the Council that the Dog-Bylaws would need to be made by the Parish Councils but with help from the District Council. The Clerk and Chairman undertook to complete the necessary details on a form received from the District Council.

Mr W Hill arrived at this point in the meeting.

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

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3. County Council - Mobile Library The District Librarian had indicated that Henry Alty Ltd were not able to assist with a parking space for the mobile library at the present time but would review the situation as soon as possible.

FINANCE

139/88 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | Queensbury Ltd. - Repairs to bus shelter (All Saints) | £ 178.25 |
| b. | T J Quinn Esq. - Painting bus shelters | £ 159.39 |
| c. | T J Quinn Esq. - Cleaning bus shelters | £ 7.00 |
| d. | B W Rimmer Esq. - Clerk's salary & expenses | £ 204.62 |

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Peddar referred to applications for two additional Off-licences in the Parish and indicated that he was interested in the one in Station Road. He told the Council that there were already 4 Off-licences, 1 Public House and 2 Clubs in the area and the population had not increased to an extent to warrant additional outlets of this nature.

Mr S Iddon arrived at this point in the meeting.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

140/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/88/1258 - Detached garage and store, Douglas Bank Farm, Becconsall Lane.
- b. No 08/88/1265 - Extensions, 116 Moss Lane.

2. Planning Committee - 1st December 1988

A. Buildings at Risk (Third list) The Council noted that the Old Church of All Saints, Becconsall Lane was included on this list.

B. Planning Application No 08/88/1039 - Extensions to Rest Home, 92 Station Road

141/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

C. Applications approved since last meeting The following had been approved:-

No 08/88/1055 - Detached house etc. The Smithy (Plot 1) adj. 29 Shore Road.

3. Application No 08/88/1155 - Use of farm building for storage of furniture and carpets, 'Lambourn', Shore Road It was reported that this application had been made by a different applicant to the one previously given permission.

142/88 RESOLVED:- That the Council object to this application on the grounds that it is in the name of a different applicant and extending the business into an additional building when the original application had been approved as personal to the applicant.

4. Northern Parishes District Plan Mr P Leech had reported that he had spoken to the Planning Department and been advised that a revised plan would be published for consultation next year. Mr Leech had suggested that it would be premature to do more work until the plan is produced.

143/88 RESOLVED:- That Mr P Leech be thanked for the work done so far and advised that the Council agree that no further work be done pending the production of the new plan.

5. British Gas The Council were advised that the improvement of the junction of Shore Road and Dib Road would now be undertaken in January 1989 with drilling starting in mid to late February for a period of 6/8 weeks.

6. Development at 24 Moss Lane The Director of Planning had confirmed that the owners of dwellings backing onto this site had been consulted .

7. Applications for Off-licences

A. 16 Shore Road It was suggested that this application was a reasonable distance from the other off-licences in the Parish.

144/88 RESOLVED:- That no objection be made to this application.

B. 4/6 Station Road This application was considered in the light of the fact that 4 Off-licences were already situated on this stretch of road together with the Becconsall Hotel.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Parish Council should object to this application on the grounds of its close proximity to 5 other outlets for the sale of alcohol.

Upon being put, the voting was 4 votes in favour of the motion and 4 votes against the motion, whereupon the Chairman cast his casting vote in favour of the motion and it was, therefore,

145/88 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council should object to this application on the grounds of its close proximity to 5 other outlets for the sale of alcohol

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Naming of streets The developer of Rose Gardens had not yet responded to the Clerk's letter but the Area Committee Secretary had undertaken to place the issue before the next meeting of the Area Committee of the LAP&TC.

2. Rose Gardens It was reported that the old entrance to the former container base was still being used and was a sea of mud as a result of excavations by the developer.

146/88 RESOLVED:- That the matter be drawn to the attention of the Area County Surveyor.

3. School Sign - Shore Road The Clerk was requested to remind the County Surveyor that a reply was still awaited.

4. Streetlights The Chairman undertook to contact NORWEB regarding lights Nos 15 to 22 in Moss Lane.

5. Moss Lane/Johnson's Meanygate It was reported that the sewer at this point was backing up after periods of rain and it was felt that the new sewer pipe to be laid in the parish would help to solve this problem.

6. Moss Lane (Hundred End Lane end) The Chairman wondered whether there was a problem caused by large farm produce vehicles loading and unloading on the carriageway in Moss Lane but it was felt that the problems were only minor and that alternative arrangements were not available.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground - Play Equipment Mrs L Kershaw had reported that one of the split pins on one of the swings had possibly been damaged and she had asked Mr H Mayor to look at it and effect any necessary repairs.

2. Glenpark Drive Play Area The Chairman reported that Mr Chohan had inspected the grassed area by the equipment but felt he was not able to undertake repairs. He had suggested, however, that some form of drainage may be required. The Chairman had subsequently approached Mr G Johnson of Tarleton who had undertaken to submit an estimate for the work he considered to be appropriate.

147/88 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to place an order for the work required provided he feels the cost would be acceptable to the Council.

3. Area adjacent to the Becconsall Hotel A Planning Application had been made to the District Council who had now advised the Clerk that a Statutory Notice needs to be placed in a local paper. The Clerk had the matter in hand.

ALLOTMENTS

A price for cleaning out the ditch was awaited from Mr G Johnson and Mr P Bannister handed to the Clerk the outstanding rental money from Mr R Baxter.

PARISH COUNCIL JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Chairman attended the meeting and reported that it had been agreed to ask the District Council to increase the amount of £15,000 currently allocated for grants to Parish Councils. He also reported that the District Council had reviewed the amount of concurrent expenditure for the 4 new parishes and were hoping to review the amounts granted to the existing parishes in time for the next financial year. As a result, he was hopeful that this parish would receive an increase as the original base year had been a low spending year for this Council but a high spending year for some of the other Councils.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was attended by the Chairman and Mrs M Baxter and the Chairman reported that the Association were working on advice to be given to the parishes about the Community Charge. At the present time, Councils could spend up to the product of a 2 pence rate on services for which statutory powers were not available and it was not yet clear what the position would be when the Community Charge was introduced.

The meeting had passed resolutions about the control of landfill sites, a dog registration service and powers to restrict the availability of gaming machines to young people.

The meeting agreed to consider resolutions from Area Committees in future and noted that the Hon. Secretary, Mrs C M F Cave would shortly be leaving the Community Council.

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PARISH REPRESENTATION ON THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Chairman reported that in 1986, the District Council asked the Boundary Commission to undertake a review of three wards, namely Derby Ward, Ormskirk; Birch Green Ward, Skelmersdale and Hesketh - with - Becconsall Ward, with a view to increasing the number of Councillors on the District Council by 3 i.e 1 in each of the 3 wards.

In 1987, the Boundary Commission had replied that it was busy looking at the mandatory reviews of the Metropolitan Counties of Greater Manchester and Merseyside and could not act until those were completed. In addition, the Commission had no powers to undertake partial or limited reviews.

The Parish Council felt that a review should be undertaken and completed before the next District Council elections in May 1990.

148/88 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ask the Boundary Commission to undertake a review of the wards in West Lancashire in time for the new proposals to be implemented at the next District Council elections in May 1990, and that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Chief Executive of the District Council.

DISTRICT COUNCIL GRANTS TO PARISH COUNCILS ('A', 'B' and 'C' Schemes)

149/88 RESOLVED:- a. That a bid be made for a grant of £3000 for play equipment and associated matters at the new play area adjacent to the Becconsall Hotel, and
b. That the Director of Finance be asked to clarify whether it is possible for grants to be utilised for projects on private land not in the ownership or under the control of the Parish Council.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

150/88 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the next item involves the consideration of information which is considered as Exempt in accordance with the terms of paragraph 9 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

LAND OFF STATION ROAD, HESKETH BANK

A valuation of the land had been received from the District Valuer.

151/88 RESOLVED:- That the valuation be forwarded to Mr P Leech and that he be asked for advice on how the Parish Council could either purchase the land in question or, alternatively, successfully object to the proposals for development previously submitted but withdrawn pending the issue of the new version of the Northern Parishes District Plan.

CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 3rd January 1989 at 7.30pm and, in closing this meeting, wished all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

P. J. Handley
3rd Jan. '89.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 3rd JANUARY 1989

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

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

Messrs P Bannister; P Griffiths; W Hill and J Hodson

Miss J Pamphilon (Re-cycling Officer - Lancashire County Council)

Apologies were received from Mr S Iddon and 4 members of the
press and public were present.

MINUTES

152/88 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th November
1988 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Applications for Off-licences It was reported that the 2
applications for Station Road and Shore Road had been approved.

2. Naming of streets The Secretary of the developers of the Jumps
Farm site had indicated that the Company had sought the approval of the District
Council to the name in accordance with usual procedures but, in future, the
Company would be happy to consult the Parish Council.

It was also reported that the District Council had agreed to consult the
appropriate District Councillor about the name for new streets.

RE-CYCLING ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Miss J Pamphilon addressed the Council on the current activities undertaken
by the County Council. The Council operated 23 Household Waste Disposal Centres
at which various substances were collected including paper and cardboard, ferrous
and non-ferrous metals, glass, used oil, furniture, bric-a-brac, waste wood and
rubble and hardcore. Income for the first 6 months of the year was estimated
at £54,500 and it was hoped that a sum of £110,000 would be received in the
full year. Miss Pamphilon indicated that 79% of the contents of the average
dustbin was capable of being re-cycled and that a programme of education was being
undertaken by the County Council using various methods including the production
of leaflets, stickers, badges and posters. The County Council had also entered
a float in 10 carnivals during last summer as a means of spreading the news to
residents in the County.

Miss Pamphilon suggested that the Parish Council could assist by publicising the
activities of the County Council and perhaps, on a more practical basis, by
siting a waste paper igloo in the parish.

Miss Pamphilon in answer to questions told the Council that Bottle Banks were
usually provided by the District Council who should be contacted regarding the
possibility of siting one in this parish; that waste paper igloos held about

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$\frac{3}{4}$ ton of paper; that in addition to the payment from the paper and bottle merchant, the County Council paid a subsidy of £2.47 per ton for both materials; and that she would let the Clerk know about the possibility of plate glass being collected by a glass merchant.

The Chairman thanked Miss Pamphilon for a most enlightening talk and it was agreed that the subject be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

A. Survey of landfill sites It was agreed to advise the District Council that Henry Alty's of Station Road and Halsteads of Shore Road have operated landfill sites in the parish.

B. Committee Minutes There were no items affecting this Parish.

2. Other matters

A. West Lancashire Area Committee of LAP&TC The Agenda for the meeting to be held on the 13th January 1989 had been received.

B. Douglas Valley Lions Club A letter detailing the activities of the Club had been received.

C. Mobile Library Service The County Librarian had indicated that there was no intention to vary the existing service to the Parish when the new Library opens in Tarleton. It was agreed to ask the County Librarian for details of the number of Hesketh Bank residents using the Trailer Service at Tarleton and the number using the Mobile Service in Hesketh Bank.

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

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

153/88 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a. Mr C Bond - Cleaning ditch and hedgemowing (2 occasions)	£ 35.00 ¹
b. NWWA - Water charges	£ 10.40
c. Ormskirk Advertiser - Advert. for planning application	£ 69.00
d. Mr P J Handley - Photocopying	£ 6.80

2. Receipts The Clerk reported the receipt of the following:-

NORWEB - Wayleave £ 45.72

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Foster asked if the Council knew who had purchased the Title Deeds of the Lord of the Manor and was advised that it could take upto 6/8 weeks to complete the transfer of the Title and that the auctioneers were not prepared to divulge the purchaser.

Mr Dobbin referred to nuisances caused by parked cars in Norwood Avenue late at night especially when the occupants insisted on play^{ing} the car radio loud and depositing litter in the form of chip papers on the pavement. The Chairman undertook to speak to the local police about this matter.

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PLANNING MATTERS

1. Minutes of meeting held on the 31st October 1988

154/88 RESOLVED:- That on page 3 of the minutes, the heading for item d at the bottom of the page be amended to read 'Ribble Hall Farm' instead of 'Ribble Bank Farm'.

2. Weekly lists

A. Application No 08/88/1310 - Removal of agricultural occupancy condition - 202 Moss Lane. It was explained that this condition was inserted prior to the current Section 52 conditions which were introduced in 1971. It was felt that it was more a change of use for reversion to residential use rather than the description given above.

155/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

B. Application No 08/88/1338 - Details for 2 dwellings and garages etc. - Shore Road. This was in respect of the site at the corner of Glenpark Drive.

156/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

C. Application No 08/88/1383 - Outline for residential/local centre/shops/surgery/open space/access etc. - land off Station Road.

This was the application which had been withdrawn last year but which had been re-submitted with some minor amendments. It was reported that the consultation letters had been sent out just before Christmas, by second class post and some had not been delivered until the 29th December. Chandlers Croft had once again not been consulted and the time set for replies was 2 weeks from the date of the letters. Part of the site was supposed to be used for open space as provided for in the approval for the development at Chandlers Croft.

157/88 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Planning Department be asked when the open space, as envisaged in the approval for Chandlers Croft, is to be provided;

2. That the Director of Planning be requested to hold over this application at least until the meeting of the Planning Committee to be held on the 2nd March 1989;

3. That Mr P Leech, the Planning Consultant, be requested to attend an informal meeting with members of the Parish Council to discuss the application and the lines on which the Council could object to the proposal;

4. That following the informal meeting referred to above, a Public Meeting be arranged to enable residents to give their views on the proposal;

5. That invitations be sent to the Director of Planning, the Chairman of the Planning Committee, the Leader of the Council, County Councillor Miss S R Taylor and the County Surveyor, to attend the meeting as observers to hear the views of the residents; and

6. That the Council's views on the proposal be finalised at the next meeting of the Council.

D. Application No 08/88/1390 - Alterations to front elevation, including new bow window - 1 Rankin Avenue

158/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

3. Development Control Sub-Committee - 5th January 1989

Application No 08/88/950 - Outline (inc. details of siting and access) for detached bungalow & garage and new vehicular/pedestrian access - land adj. 24 Moss Lane. This proposal was recommended for approval.

159/88 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

4. Applications approved since the last meeting There were no items under this heading.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Sewerage scheme It was reported that this scheme was just about to start.

2. Footpath 46 The Chairman and Mr J Hodson had met Mr P Hewitt of the County Council regarding the state of this footpath.

160/88 RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor be asked to confirm that the improvement of this footpath will be undertaken during the next financial year.

3. Moss Lane It was reported that this road was still in an awful state dating back to the laying of the gas main.

161/88 RESOLVED:- That the Area County Surveyor be requested to take the necessary action to improve the carriageway of Moss Lane, especially in the vicinity of Nos 115-127, as a matter of urgency.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

Glenpark Drive Play Area The Chairman reported that Mr G Johnson had looked at the problem under the equipment and suggested that the grass be dug up and that stones be put down with bark on top as the final surface. The Chairman agreed to speak to Mr P Cooley of the District Council about the use of bark as a surface dressing.

ALLOTMENTS

1. Tenancy of Plot No 5 The Clerk reported that Mr James Whittingham was unable to accept the tenancy of this plot as he had secured a place at Agricultural College. It was reported that all those on the Waiting List had at least one plot and that Mr M Whiteside had been on the list the longest of those who already had one plot.

The Chairman reported that Mr G Johnson had estimated the cost of cleaning out the ditch adjacent to Plot No 1 to be £60.

162/88 RESOLVED:- a. That the tenancy of Plot No 5 be offered to Mr M Whiteside of Station Road; and

b. That Mr G Johnson be authorised to undertake the cleaning of the ditch adjacent to Plot No 1 at an estimated cost of £60. (Mrs M Baxter voted against this part of the resolution).

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TIME-TABLE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

163/88 RESOLVED:- That future meetings be held as follows:-

Monday	30th January 1989	Monday	27th February 1989
Tuesday	28th March 1989 (Annual Assembly)	Monday	24th April 1989
Monday	15th May 1989 (AGM)	Monday	12th June 1989
Monday	10th July 1989	Monday	7th August 1989
Monday	4th September 1989	Monday	2nd October 1989
Monday	30th October 1989	Monday	27th November 1989
Tuesday	2nd January 1990	Monday	29th January 1990
Monday	26th February 1990	Monday	26th March 1990
Monday	23rd April 1990		

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30th January '89.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 30th JANUARY 1989

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

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

Messrs P Bannister; P Griffiths; W Hill and S Iddon

Apologies were received from Mrs M Baxter and Mr J Hodson and 2 members of the Press and public were present.

MINUTES

164/88 RESOLVED:- That subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd January 1989 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 2, Line 2, 'played' to read 'playing' .

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. West Lancashire Area Committee of LAP&TC Mrs L Kershaw reported as follows:-

- a. The Parish had been allocated £3000 for the Play Area adjacent to the Becconsall Hotel. In future bids were required by 15th September.
- b. Developers were not bound by suggestions of District Council when naming streets. It was suggested that Parishes put forward names as soon as Planning Approval has been granted.
- c. The Secretary was to approach the County Council asking for them to ask the Traffic Commissioners to give Parish Councils advance notice of proposals for HGV licences.
- d. There could be changes in the VAT regulations affecting Village Halls.
- e. It was hoped to organise a Planning Seminar in the spring.
- f. It was suggested that the 'Lifeline' service could be used by Village Halls . A demonstration of the service would be given at the Luncheon Club on the 7th February between 1pm and 2pm.
- g. Information on ancient landfill sites was required as well as on existing sites.

2. Mobile Library Service The County Librarian had now indicated that travel costs had no bearing on the 'free' library service and that no analysis had been made of the home addresses of borrowers at Tarleton and from the mobile van as staff time was not available and he could see no useful purpose being gained from such information. He undertook to keep the service to the Parish under review and provide the best service possible within the allocated resources.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Development and Amenities Committee The following items were noted:-

Moss Lane - Footway re-surfacing was in progress between Fermor Road and the Sub-Station.

Station Road - Would be closed for 4/6 weeks for the laying of the new sewer.

Tarleton Library - The new library would be open for 35 hours a week including 2 late nights, Monday and Friday, one full day closed, Wednesday, and a half day opening on a Saturday.

Northern Parishes District Plan - The Draft should be ready in 1989 with scheduled Adoption in late 1989 or 1990

Grants to Voluntary Organisations - The Boys Football Club had been allocated £200 towards the work on the football pitch during the summer.

b. Joint Liaison Committee The meeting would now be held on the 14th February 1989.

c. New Structure of the District Council The new Committee Membership and the Terms of Reference of the Committees and the Scheme of Delegation to Committees and Officers had been received.

d. West Lancashire Twinning Association The Minutes of the AGM had been received.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils The Secretary, Mrs Kate Cave, had resigned her position to have a baby, details of the Spring Conference had been received, and the latest edition of CCL News was available.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

165/88 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	J Chohan Esq., - Work at Glenpark Drive	£ 30.00
b.	N Marsden Esq., - Repairs to seats	£ 42.40
	- New Notice Board for Allotments	£ 73.60
c.	Hesketh Bank Youth Club - Donation for use of hall	£ 15.00
d.	All Saints Church Hall - Donation for use of chairs	£ 5.00

2. Donations A request had been received from the Lancashire Youth Clubs Association.

166/88 RESOLVED:- That the request be considered alongwith other requests at a future meeting of the Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Foster asked if the NWWA had a licence to pump raw sewage into the ditch from the Marsh Road site. The Chairman replied that he had been told by the District Council Engineer that the pumping of raw sewage into the ditch had nothing to do with the work in Station Road. He indicated that a licence had been issued and at that time it had been expected that the need to pump out into the ditch would only be used once a year. He was aware pumping out had occurred last week on the change over from the old system to the new system. With regard to the new system, members of the Council could join him in a visit to the Pumping Station in the near future.

Mr P Bannister maintained that during the first fortnight of the sewer

replacement. raw sewage had been pumped into the top water pipe and traces were evident in the full length of Centre Ditch. The Chairman undertook to ask the Environmental Health Department to inspect the ditch.

Mr Foster asked about a statement made at the Public Meeting that the District Council had to provide building sites and wanted more information. The Chairman replied that it was a Government Directive and whilst the new Northern Parishes Plan would identify building sites they need not necessarily be in Hesketh Bank.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/88/1410 - Single storey domestic extension, 3 Norwood Avenue

167/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. No 08/88/1411 - Erection of 2 Portakabins and re-location of 1 Portakabin, Moss Lane (Hesketh Bank Christian Fellowship)

168/88 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to regularise this application with the previous approval for a Portakabin on this site.

c. No 08/89/0007 - 3 detached dwellings & garages inc. new vehicular/pedestrian access, Chapel Road The Chairman reported that the original approval had been for 4 dwellings and that had been granted on appeal.

169/88 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

d. No 08/89/0005 - 2 story domestic extension at side, Bank Villa, Guide Road

170/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

e. No 08/89/0010 - Use of land as Play Area for children, adj, Becconsall Hotel (for Parish Council)

171/88 RESOLVED:- That Messrs P Griffiths & W Hill be authorised to approach the contractor currently on the adjacent site to see if there was a possibility of the play area site being levelled when they leave that site.

f. No 08/89/0026 - Detached dormer bungalow & new vehicular access, land adj. 29 Shore Road

172/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

g. No 08/89/0029 - New drive, inc. new vehicular/pedestrian access, The Barn, Becconsall Lane

173/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee

174/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/88/0950 - O/L detached bungalow etc., 24 Moss Lane

b. No 08/88/1338 - Details, 2 houses etc., Shore Rd/Glenpark Dr.

c. No 08/88/1155 - Use of farm Buildings etc for furniture storage, 'Lambourn', Shore Road

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

No 08/88/1265 - Extensions at 116 Moss Lane
No 08/88/1258 - Detached garage and store at Douglas Bank Farm,
Becconsall Lane

4. Appeals lodged The following appeal had been lodged:-

E89/426 - Use of land for commercial manufacture of wooden frames etc. and storage of materials and equipment. Use of building as joinery workshop
- 11 Becconsall Lane. To be dealt with by written representations.

5. Application No 08/88/1393 - Development off Station Road

It was reported that Mr P Leech had drafted letters from the Chairman of the Parish Council to the County Surveyor and the Director of Development & Amenities and these were read to the Council. Members felt that the letter to the County Surveyor should include the number of roads which turn off Hesketh Lane/Station Road and that the letters should go from the Clerk of the Council. Members were grateful that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning Control Sub-Committee and Officers of the Planning and Surveyor's Departments had attended the Public Meeting and agreed that they be thanked for their attendance.

175/88 RESOLVED:- That strong representations be made to the District Council that :-

A. Planning permission for the proposed housing development should be refused for the following reasons:-

1. The land is part of the green belt which should be protected against further development,
2. The new housing, which is not needed, would make a substantial change to the Green Belt and the local rural environment,
3. The development, if approved, would open up the chance for the remaining land up to the back of Chapel Road, Station Road and Shore Road to be developed for even more housing,
4. Station Road and Hesketh Lane are already overloaded with traffic and the danger and delay for residents in the area is already unacceptable. The proposed development would add to and multiply these problems due to the increased traffic generated by the development consisting of vehicles owned by the householders and vehicles servicing the estate,
5. The locality already has severe drainage problems and water pressure problems, especially during periods of dry weather, and these would be made worse by the proposed development,
6. The development would use a site which was intended in the local plan to be used for public open space,
7. The proposal would add to the pressure on existing social facilities - schools, open spaces etc, which are already inadequate.

B. The District Council should acquire and lay out further public playing fields without the need for new housing being allowed,

C. The District Council and the Water Authority should take urgent steps to remedy the existing drainage problems and the serious drop in water pressure which affects parts of the area especially in the summer months.

D. The District Council and the Lancashire County Council should examine the problem of traffic in Station Road, Hesketh Bank and Hesketh Lane, Tarleton and take some steps to improve flows and secure greater safety for all users.

6. Car parking facilities During consideration of the previous item, the lack of car parking facilities in the village was mentioned.

176/88 RESOLVED:- That consideration be given at the next meeting of the Council to the provision of a car park in the Village Centre.

7. Application No 08/88/1051 - Extension of time limit for removal of redundant flood embankment west of Guide Road It was reported that the County Planning Committee had extended the time limit for the work for 18 months from the 28th March 1989 with a further 6 months allowed for site restoration.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Moss Lane The County Area Surveyor had asked NWWA to undertake remedial works to their re-instatement work.

177/88 RESOLVED:- That the County Area Surveyor be advised that the holes in Moss Lane are not lit at night.

2. Public Footpath No 46 The County Surveyor had indicated that a solution to the problem of this footpath was being sought with the landowner.

3. Ramblers Association A list of rambles for 1989 had been received.

4. School Fold The Chairman had been advised that the works required to make up School Fold had been included in the Budget for 1989/90 by the County Council and would comprise of a carriageway with a footway on one side.

5. Sewerage Works The West Lancashire Engineer in charge was Mr T Carr on Hesketh Bank 815446.

6. Street Cleansing

178/88 RESOLVED:- That the Special Sub-Committee of The Chairman, Mrs D M Trippier and Mr P Griffiths be authorised to submit to the District Council this Council's proposals for street cleansing under the competitive tendering arrangements.

7. Parish Notice Board - Moss Lane/Station Road

179/88 RESOLVED:- That Mr R E Carr be requested to repair this Notice Board and to provide and fit a softer piece of wood on top of the existing board.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Glenpark Drive Play Area Mr J Chohan had notified the Council that he needed to increase the rates for work undertaken at Glenpark Drive as follows:-

Mowing grass	-	£20.00 (An increase of £5)
Picking up litter etc.	£10.00	(No change)
Spraying weedkiller	-	£25.00 (No change)

180/88 RESOLVED:- That Mr J Chohan be thanked for all his work and advised that the Parish Council accept the revised rates as detailed above.

2. Grass cutting

181/88 RESOLVED:- That Mr M Taylor be requested to provide a quotation for cutting the grass at the Recreation Ground on 7 occasions next financial year and for cutting the grass verges on 5 occasions.

3. Hesketh Bank Sports and Social Affiliation Mr P Bannister reported that the Football Club, the Cricket Club and the Bowling Club were joining together to form the above named organisation and details of the history of the 3 clubs was read to the meeting. The Clerk was requested to contact the Finance Department of the District Council regarding a reply to this Council's request regarding the use which can be put to loans from the District Council.

4. Glenpark Drive Play Area The Chairman had spoken to Mr P Cooley about repairs to the grassed area and Mr Cooley had advised against using bark as a surface under the wooden play equipment. Mr Cooley had suggested using pea gravel on the grounds that it does not scatter and does not hide broken bottles.

182/88 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to obtain a price for the necessary work required using the materials suggested.

5. Use of football pitch It now appeared that the Boys Football Club had taken steps to clear the outstanding debt for the supply of materials used on the pitch during last summer and it was suggested that an approach be made regarding the re-seeding required at the end of the current season and the Club's plans for next season.

183/88 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to write to the Boys Football Club regarding the matters referred to above.

STANDING ORDERS

184/88 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.

ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that Mr M H Whiteside had accepted the tenancy of Plot No 5 and Mr P Bannister undertook to ask Mr Whiteside for the first years rental. The Chairman reported that the ditch would be cleaned in the near future.

WAR MEMORIAL

185/88 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to approach a stone mason regarding the three missing letters on the War Memorial.

WASTE DISPOSAL

Mr P Griffiths indicated that the Village Hall Committee would consider the question of allowing a bottle bank to be sited at the Village Hall.

186/88 RESOLVED:- A. That the District Council be requested to site a bottle bank in Hesketh Bank on the grounds that the bottle banks at Tarleton and Banks were only adequate for the bottles from those villages, and

B. That an approach be made to the appropriate contractor regarding the siting of a bank for flat glass in the village.

P. J. Handley
27 Feb. '89.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 27th FEBRUARY 1989

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)
Mesdames M Baxter; C Finnan; and D Trippier
Messrs P Bannister; P Griffiths ; W HILL

P.J.H.

Apologies were received from Mesdames L Kershaw and J Witter and Mr J Hodson and 2 members of the press and public were present

MINUTES

187/88 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th January 1989 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Pumping Station It was reported that raw sewage had been pumped into the Centre Ditch on 2 occasions in February. The Chairman undertook to arrange for members to visit the pumping station at an early date.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK

Superintendent D Taylorson, Commander of the Skelmersdale Sub-Division of the Lancashire Constabulary and P C G Wilson, the local Rural Beat Officer, attended the meeting for this item.

Supt. Taylorson explained the policing arrangements in the Parish in that P C Wilson had responsibility for Hesketh Bank. During the times when P C Wilson was off duty, cover was provided by the Officers at Banks and Tarleton with additional support from Burscough on a 24 hour basis as necessary.

The main thrusts of the police strategy were aimed at crime prevention based on the tremendous benefits to be gained from Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and the restoration of public tranquillity throughout the county. He indicated that Neighbourhood Watch Schemes could be established with assistance from the Community Affairs Department of the Constabulary, whilst there was a disturbing trend for young males to behave in a disorderly manner and challenge the authority of the police.

In answering questions and responding to comments, Supt. Taylorson was pleased to hear that P C Wilson was being seen in the parish and indicated that he was well respected by his colleagues and supervisors; that the aim of Neighbourhood Watch was to improve crime prevention in the areas and a full exchange of information took place through Divisional Meetings and County-wide Organisers Meetings; that a small scale scheme was being set up in Chandlers Croft apart from which the nearest schemes were in Tarleton; that communities near to the major road network were more vulnerable to crime due to the ease of access for potential criminals travelling from other areas; that the current crime rate in Hesketh Bank was very low and the police hoped it would remain so; that the police could undertake traffic counts at particularly congested areas using equipment that monitored the number and speed of vehicles using that particular road;

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that congestion can be a safety feature in that traffic tends to slow down at such points; that a lot of problems exist in Lancashire in the vicinity of schools especially at those times of the day when children are arriving and leaving the premises; that often it is more feasible to restrict waiting on one side of the road only; that cyclists without lights or without clothing carrying some form of reflective material are a hazard especially in badly lit places in the rural areas; that parking half on and half off the footpath is an offence and a lot of the time is not necessary; that the Constabulary Exhibition Bus is available to attend village garden fetes etc; and that an Open Day will be held at Ormskirk Police Station on Saturday 3rd June 1989 with all members of the public invited to attend.

Supt. Taylorson suggested that if there are any items affecting policing which are likely to be raised in the Parish Council, he would be grateful if the Clerk could advise him in advance when he would make arrangements for the appropriate Police Officer to attend to answer the points being made.

The Chairman thanked Supt. Taylorson and Constable Wilson for attending the meeting and for answering the questions put in such an open manner.

Mr W Hill arrived at this point in the meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

- a. Re-organisation A list of the main departmental contacts had been received.
- b. Register of electors A copy of the 1989 Register had been received.
- c. Planning Application No 08/88/0950 - Bungalow adj. to 24 Moss Lane This application had been rejected by the Full Council at its meeting on the 15th February 1989.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

188/88 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| A. | T J Quinn Esq., - Cleaning bus shelters (2 months) | £ 14.00 |
| B. | B W Rimmer Esq., - Clerk's salary & expenses | £199.61 |

2. Donations The Council considered requests for donations received from 5 organisations.

189/88 RESOLVED:- (1) That a donation of £25 be made to the West Lancashire Victims' Support Scheme,
(2) That a donation of £52 be made to the Hesketh Bank Village Hall Committee, and

(3) That the future of the Village Hall be placed as an item on the Agenda for the May meeting of the Council.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs D Trippier reported on the Lifeline equipment which had been exhibited at a recent meeting of the Luncheon Club. The District Council were spending £650,000 to set up the scheme and it was available for private occupiers either by purchase or by renting. Mr P Griffiths felt that it would be a good idea to spend the Layfield Charity money on purchasing a number of units each year.

Mr Foster asked about ownership of the Sports Field adjacent to the Village Hall. It was reported that a number of local people bought the land after the 1st World War and whilst limited help was available from the various breweries, a big stumbling block was the fact that the owners would not grant the sports groups a long lease to enable the usual grants to be obtained.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/89/0045 - 11,000 volts overhead electricity line, Boundary Lane/Boundary Meanygate

190/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. No 08/89/0091 - 27 dwellings etc., Chapel Road

191/88 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that the site is within the Green Belt and that it will exacerbate the traffic problems on Hesketh Lane/Station Road.

c. No 08/89/0074 - Use of one room in dwelling for hairdressing, 19 Silverdale

192/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. Nos 08/89/0082 & 08/89/0084 - Detached bungalows at Plots 5 & 8 Rose Gardens (Amendments of previous approvals)

193/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on these applications.

e. No 08/89/0115 - 9 detached dwellings etc., Silverdale

194/88 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that the site is within the Green Belt and that it will exacerbate the traffic problems on Hesketh Lane/Station Road.

f. No 08/89/0126F - Attached garage, La Rochelle, Boundary Meanygate

195/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

g. No 08/89/0136 - Conversion of barn to dwelling, detached garage and access, Hundred End Farm, Hundred End Lane

196/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

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Application No 08/89/0026 - Detached dormer bungalow & new vehicular access, adj. 29 Shore Road

197/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

3. Development c/o Glenpark Drive & Shore Road It was reported that building should start within the next 2 weeks.

4. Application No 08/88/1383 - Development at Station Road Letters from Councillor R Hodge, Mr K Hind MP and the Director of Development and Amenities were noted. It was agreed that it be pointed out to the Director that it was the vagueness of the description on the weekly lists that concerned this Council.

5. Development at St Joseph's College, Upholland The Council's support was being sought by an Action Group which was opposed to development in the Green Belt.

198/88 RESOLVED:- That the Action Group be advised that the Parish Council supports the opposition to development in the Green Belt throughout West Lancashire.

6. Lancashire Structure Plan The decisions of the Public Enquiry had been published and the case put forward by the Chairman had not been accepted, however, in reaching the decision the recommendation assumed that the extent of 'rounding off' and other development in the Parish would be carefully related to the capacity of the road network.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. School sign, Shore Road The County Surveyor had indicated that 'flashing lights' were not appropriate at this point and that the sign should be ideally placed on Lamp Post No 5.

199/88 RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor's suggestion be accepted.

2. Bus shelters

a. Moss Lane/Station Road Mr R Carr had indicated that this damaged shelter could be repaired at small cost.

200/88 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to place an order for the repair with Mr R Carr.

b. Moss Lane/Station Road - Protection for shelter

201/88 RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor be asked to grant permission for a bollard to be placed at the edge of the kerb to protect the shelter from damage by vehicles mounting the footway.

c. Flyposting

202/88 RESOLVED:- That the Licencee of the Rams Head be sent an account for £14 as the cost of cleaning the bus shelters after flyposters advertising a function at the pub had been placed on the shelters.

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3. Street cleaning The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had produced a schedule for street cleaning in the Parish which had been forwarded to the District Council and copies had been given to each Parish Councillor.

4. Landfill sites

203/88 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be asked to advise the Parish Council as early as possible of any proposals to create a landfill site in the Parish.

5. Car Park in Village Centre

204/88 RESOLVED:- That Henry Alty Ltd be asked to consider laying out the piece of land between their premises and the former Co-op as a car park and be asked to meet representatives of the Parish Council to discuss the matter in more detail.

6. Notice Boards Mr R Carr had suggested that it would be a better bargain for the Council to replace the notice boards at Moss Lane and Hundred End with new boards rather than repair them.

205/88 RESOLVED:- That Mr R Carr be asked to provide an estimate for the supply of 2 new notice boards to include a softer wood to take the drawing pins.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Grass cutting Mark W Taylor had submitted an estimate for grass cutting at the Recreation Ground for £27 per cut and for cutting the grass verges at £27 per cut.

206/88 RESOLVED:- That the estimates for grass cutting submitted by Mark W Taylor, at £27 per cut, be accepted.

2. Glenpark Drive Play Area The Chairman had this matter in hand.

3. Area adj. to Becconsall Hotel Mr P Griffiths had spoken to the Contractors who had agreed to level the area of ground required for the play area free of charge. The Contractors would also tarmac a good part of the Village Hall car park.

207/88 RESOLVED:- That Mr G Johnson be advised that due to circumstances overtaking the Council, he will not be required to undertake the levelling of this site.

4. Recreation Ground

a. Fence along School Fold It was suggested that some form of barrier was required along this boundary. The Chairman reported that School Fold would be made up in the summer and a footway would be provided on the Recreation Ground side of the road.

208/88 RESOLVED:- That the question of the provision of a barrier be deferred pending the making up of School Fold.

b. Channel alongside slide Mrs D Trippier undertook to deal with this matter in consultation with the Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman reported that the ditch alongside Plot No 20 had been cleaned out by Mr J Farrington of Tarleton.

PARISH COUNCIL JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Chairman reported that a grant of £3000 for this Parish Council had been approved and the District Council had also accepted, in principle, the revised basis for re-imbursing concurrent expenditure to Parish Councils.

PARISH PRECEPT

209/88 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to pay a sum of £1830 to the Parish Council representing a precept for 1989/90 of 0.7 pence.

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28th March '89.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 28th MARCH 1989

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames L Kershaw; D Trippier and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; J Hodson and S Iddon

Apologies were received from Mesdames M Baxter and C Finnan and Messrs P Griffiths and W Hill.

One member of the public was present.

MINUTES

210/88 RESOLVED:- That subject to the addition of Mr W Hill in the list of persons present, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th February 1989 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Visit to Pumping Station A number of members had visited the pumping station and had inspected the works which were nearly complete. It was admitted that effluent had been discharged into the ditch during January and February at times when the conversion work was being undertaken and it had been necessary to switch off the pumps for several hours. It was said that it would not happen again unless there was a power failure lasting in excess of 3 hours. The members had been pleased with the low cost of the works.

2. Bus shelter - Station Road/Moss Lane The County Surveyor had undertaken to look at the problems and the suggested protection for the shelter once the sewer work had been completed.

3. Landfill sites The County Planning Officer was not aware of any active discussions or investigations for a site in Hesketh Bank.

4. Village Centre Car Park Henry Alty Ltd had acknowledged the approach from the Council and would be contacting the Council about a possible meeting during the next month.

5. Notice Boards The Chairman reported that when he spoke to Mr R Carr after the previous meeting, Mr Carr indicated that the new boards had already been made and were ready for erection.

211/88 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Chairman of the Council, in consultation with the Clerk of the Council, in placing an order for 2 new notice boards with R & E Carr of Hesketh Bank, be confirmed.

6. Recreation Ground The filling in of the channel alongside the slide was in hand and it was noted that the equipment would require painting during the summer months.

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FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

212/88 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd - Insurance premium (1989/90)
- £ 126.45
- b. Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd - Additional Insurance premium
(1988/89) - £ 42.75
- c. North West Water - Water charges - £ 9.30

Mr P Bannister arrived at this point in the meeting.

2. Other matters

A. Receipts It was noted that £150 had been received from Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd in respect of the damage to the bus shelter at the junction of Station Road and Moss Lane.

B. Precepts The list of precepts for 1989/90 was noted.

C. Claims Claims had been made by the Clerk in respect of expenditure on the repair of bus shelters during 1988/89 and VAT paid during the years 1986/87 and 1987/88.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

213/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/89/0194 - O/L detached dwelling house and new veh. access - Land fronting Moss Lane
- b. No 08/89/0216 - O/L detached bungalow & alterations to access - Land adj. to 184 Moss Lane
- c. No 08/89/0208 - 2 story domestic extension - Rose Cottage, Hundred End Lane (This dwelling is situated in Banks)

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 30th March 1989

Application No 08/89/0007 - 3 detached dwellings & garages, inc. new veh/ped access - Chapel Road (Whelmar site)

214/88 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

Approved since previous meeting The following had been approved:-

No 08/89/0082 & No 08/89/0084 Amendments to approvals in respect of plots 5 & 8 Rose Gardens

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3. Application No 08/89/1383 - Development off Chapel Road

A report was being submitted to the Planning Control Sub-Committee to the effect that the applicant had appealed to the Department of the Environment because the application had not been determined within 8 weeks. An appeal would be held starting on the 1st August 1989 and it was expected to last for 3 days. The District Council would be opposing the development. Copies of the letters received from the County Surveyor and the Director of Development and Amenities had been circulated to all members of the Parish Council. The Local MP was also against the development. The Chairman was trying to arrange for the appeal to be heard in the Parish and details would be circulated when arrangements had been finalised.

215/88 RESOLVED:- a. That a circular letter be distributed in the Parish giving details of the appeal date and venue,

b. That the Clerk be requested to approach Mr P Leech regarding the appeal and the likely cost to the Parish Council of retaining his services on the basis of a submission prepared by him and presented to the Inspector by the Council and on the basis of Mr Leech preparing and presenting the case to the Inspector.

4. Application No 08/89/0010 - Use of land as play area - land adj. to the Becconsall Hotel

The Director of Development & Amenities had indicated that any fencing of the site and the type of play equipment to be installed should be incorporated in the planning application. The Clerk had, therefore, agreed with the appropriate officers that the application be deferred pending the submission of that information by the Parish Council. The Chairman had arranged to meet Mr P Cooley of the District Council at the site at 5.00pm on Thursday to discuss the provision of a safety barrier at the edge of the site.

216/88 RESOLVED:- a. That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council wish to erect a selection of play equipment from the following:- swings (2 sizes), slide, climbing frame, roundabout and balancing bar,

b. That the advice given by Mr P Cooley regarding a barrier be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

A. Agendas etc. There were no items affecting the Parish.

B. Reception for Chairmen & Clerks of Parish Councils

217/88 Resolved:- That the Council be represented by the Chairman and the Clerk, or another member if the Clerk is unable to attend, at the Reception on Thursday, 13th April 1989.

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2. Rural Development Commission A Business Newsletter had been received.

3. Recreation Ground

A. Hesketh Bank Sportsman's Flying Club The Club would not be using the Parish Council's hut as they had now erected their own hut on the Recreation Ground.

B. Hesketh Bank Boys FC The Club had requested a meeting with the Parish Council.

218/88 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to offer the Club a meeting on Monday 17th April 1989 at the Recreation Ground at 7.00pm.

C. A & S Sports Services Details of services available from this firm including maintenance of grounds, equipment etc. had been passed to the Chairman.

4. LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee An agenda for the meeting on the 14th April 1989 had been received.

5. LAP&TC - Training Day A Training Day for Clerks and Councillors would be held on Saturday 20th May 1989 at Warton Village Hall. Members interesting in attending should contact the Clerk as soon as possible.

P. J. Handley

24th April '89.