

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 24th APRIL 1989

PRESENT:-

Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

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

Messrs P Bannister; W Hill and S Iddon

Apologies were received from Mrs M Baxter;  
Mr P Griffiths and Mr J Hodson and one member  
of the public was present.

MINUTES

21/88 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th  
March 1989, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Training Day None of the Councillors were able to attend  
this event.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

A. Agendas There were no items affecting this Council.

B. West Lancashire Wardencall The Clerk had been  
invited to a Reception on Tuesday, 25th April 1989 at 7.30pm. The Clerk  
was unable to attend and Mrs L Kershaw would attend in his place.

2. Other Matters

A. Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme It was agreed  
that details of this scheme should be passed to Mr N Marsden.

B. Doctors Surgery Dr Gulati had approached the  
Council regarding a site or a building in the Parish, in the vicinity  
of Station Road Bridge which could be utilised for a surgery.

220/88 RESOLVED:- That Dr Gulati be advised that the Parish Council  
welcome his desire to provide a surgery in the village and that he may  
wish to consider approaching the Village Hall Committee regarding the  
use of part of that site, Mr McLeod, the Butcher, regarding the plot  
of land adjacent to the shop, and the owners of the 'Jack in a Box'  
which was believed to be on the market.

C. Good Neighbour Scheme The Annual General Meeting  
would be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 27th April 1989 at 7.30pm  
and all Councillors were welcome to attend.

PJH

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

221/88 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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|--|---|---------------|
| a.   | Mr J Chohan - Work at Glenpark Drive            | £ 40.00       |
| b.   | Mr H Farrington - Cleaning ditch at Allotments  | £ 80.50       |
| (It was also agreed to forward this account to NWWA in view of the significance of this watercourse to the Parish) |   |               |
| c.   | R & E Carr - Repairs to Bus Shelter (Moss Lane) | £ 81.00 + VAT |
|  | - Repairs to back of Bus Shelter (Station Road) | £ 35.00 + VAT |
|  | - New Notice Boards                             | £183.02 + VAT |
| (The total amount paid to R & E Carr is £ 343.87)  |   |               |
| d.   | Mr R Townsley - Painting new Notice Boards      | £ 53.00       |

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

HM Customs & Excise - VAT Refund - £ 215.78

3. Other Matters

A. Donation The West Lancashire Victims' Support Scheme had thanked the Council for the donation of £25 towards their work.

B. Burial Ground Grant

222/88 RESOLVED:- That a grant of £60 be made to the All Saints Parochial Church Council in respect of the maintenance of the Old Burial Ground in Becconsall Lane.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Foster handed the Chairman a copy of a letter he had received from Mr K Hind MP concerning various matters including the pumping of raw sewage into ditches for which the MP doubted whether NWWA had permission, development in Hesketh Bank on which the MP referred to restrictions caused by sewage and water availability and the tight Green Belt line drawn around the village and various Public Rights of Way.

Mr Foster suggested that a Public Health warning sign should be placed at the end of the road by Dunkirk Dib.

Mrs Kershaw indicated that the new works at the Sewage Works had been completed very satisfactorily and the reservoir was large enough to cope under normal circumstances.

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council would continue to monitor the situation.

Mr Foster also wished to thank Mr J Hodson for getting the footway repaired in front of his house.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

A. No 08/89/0314 - Single storey extension at rear of garage/storeroom to form Granny Flat, 14 Becconsall Lane

222/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

P. J. H.

B. No 08/89/0340F - Removal of agricultural occupancy condition imposed on 08/75/1260, Boundary Farm, Boundary Lane, Hundred End

223/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

C. No 08/89/0341 - Use of agricultural implement shed as light engineering workshop, 407 Moss Lane

224/88 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to obtain full details of the application for consideration at the next meeting.

D. No 08/89/0352 - 2 storey domestic extension to side, Nos 1 & 2 The Brow

225/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

E. No 08/89/0394 - Single storey extension to rear, 45 Moss Lane

226/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Committee - 27th April 1989

A. Planning Applications for consideration

227/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/89/0216 - O/L detached bungalow & alterations to access, land adj. to 184 Moss Lane

b. No 08/89/0136 - Conversion of barn to dwelling, detached garage & new veh/ped. access, Hundred End Farm, Hundred End Lane

(The plan showed this application to be in respect of a property in Banks)

c. No 08/89/0074 - Use of one room of dwelling for hairdressing, 19 Silverdale

B. Approved since last meeting of Committee The following had been approved:-

No 08/89/0208 - 2 storey domestic extension, Rose Cottage, Hundred End Lane

No 08/89/0126 - Attached garage, La Rochelle, Boundary Meanygate

3. Application No 08/88/1383 - Development at Station Road

The Clerk reported the receipt of the District Council's initial statement for the Public Inquiry which would be held at All Saints CE School, Shore Road, starting at 10.00am on Tuesday 1st August 1989. The Head of Planning Services felt it would be useful to meet representatives of the Parish Council to clarify matters prior to the hearing. The Clerk had also spoken to Mr P Leech regarding his further services and reported that Mr Leech's charge was £25 per hour. If Mr Leech was to be asked to prepare a case and present it at the hearing a sum in the region of £1000 would be expended whereas to prepare a case only would involve about 4/6 hours. Current charges for services to date were in the region of £350 plus expenses. The Chairman reported that the Northern Parishes District Plan would be discussed by the Development & Amenities Committee in May with the period of consultation, including a meeting in the Parish, taking place in the Autumn.

P. J. H

228/88 RESOLVED:- a. That the Council take up the offer of a meeting with the Head of Planning Services of the District Council prior to the commencement of the Public Inquiry,

b. That Mr P Leech be asked to prepare a brief for the Public Inquiry for presentation by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr P J Handley,

c. That Mr P Leech be requested to attend the meeting with the Head of Planning Services,

d. That the District Council be advised at this moment in time that the Parish Council object to the proposal to take this site out of the Green Belt and into White Land and this Council wishes the site to be retained in the Green Belt.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

##### 1. Recreation Ground

###### A. Play equipment

229/88 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr W Hill be authorised to carry out weekly inspections of the play equipment at the Recreation Ground, Shore Road for a period of 3 months from 1st May 1989.

2. That the Chairman be authorised to ask Mr D Farrington of the Employment Training Scheme if it would be possible for scheme members to paint the play equipment and the football cabin on the Recreation Ground,

3. That Mr P Bannister and Mr W Hill be authorised to look at the dip alongside the slide with a view to remedial action being taken

B. Use of football pitch It was reported that the meeting with the Boys Football Club would be held on Monday 8th May 1989, commencing at 7.00pm and all Parish Councillors were welcome to attend.

2. Glenpark Drive Play Area The Chairman was still waiting for Mr P Cooley to obtain a sample of gravel to be used to alleviate problems on this site.

##### 3. Area adjacent to Beconsall Hotel

A. Planning Application The Chairman had met Mr Cooley on the site who had suggested that it was advisable to put green plastic fencing on the inside of the existing wooden fence at the top of the bridge banking. Mr Cooley had also agreed that the planting of bushes at the top of the banking would help.

230/88 RESOLVED:- a. That the District Council Planning Officer be advised that, subject to the consent of the County Council, the Parish Council would attach green plastic fencing to the inside of the existing wooden fence at the top of the banking to act as a safety fence to stop children gaining direct access to the road,

P. J. H.

b. That the Director of Development and Amenities be requested to provide some bushes for environmental planting along the top of the bridge embankment.

B. Levelling of site The Chairman reported that he had met a representative of the Contractors who had not been very helpful and had indicated that they had been unable to level the site as it was too wet and they were leaving the site next week.

231/88 RESOLVED:- That an account for £500 be sent to the Contractors, A E Yates Ltd of Horwich, in respect of the use of the site during the past few months.

#### HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Refuse bins The Chairman reported that there was now a tin in the bin outside the Midland Bank.

2. Hazelwood Drive

232/88 RESOLVED:- a. That the District Council be requested to paint the bollards at the junction of Hazelwood Drive & School Fold white; to provide a light at the bottom of Hazelwood Drive in School Fold; and to provide a second cul-de-sac sign,

b. That NWWA be advised that tops are missing from the water stop cocks in Hazelwood Drive.

3. Cropper Gardens

A. Grass cutting The Chairman undertook to take up the issue about the grass cutting between No 40 & the Community Centre with the District Council.

B. Gardening for residents The Chairman reported that the District Council no longer provided a gardening service for the elderly.

4. Village Hall The light at the Village Hall was the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee.

5. Car Boot Sale at Becconsall Hotel Posters had been distributed regarding a car boot sale on the 6th May 1989.

233/88 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised of the forthcoming car boot sale and requested to take appropriate action.

6. Carriageways in the Parish The Chairman reported that the County Council had undertaken to carry out re-instatement works at places where settlement was particularly bad and that re-surfacing on a permanent basis would only be done after settlement of the surfaces had ceased.

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## BUS SHELTERS

1. County Council Grant The Clerk reported that a grant of £44.39 would be paid to the Parish Council for the year 1988/89.

2. Maintenance of shelters The County Council had asked for information about likely expenditure on maintenance for 1989/90 and the Clerk reported an approach by Merseyside PTA to undertake a survey of the shelters.

234/88 RESOLVED:- That Merseyside PTA be requested to undertake a survey of the shelters and prepare a report for the Parish Council.

3. Flyposting on shelters The Chairman reported that the new Landlord of the Rams Head had undertaken to pay the cost of cleaning the shelters following the flyposting carried out by the Disc Jockey.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS

1. West Lancashire Area Committee Mrs L Kershaw reported on the meeting which had been advised that the District Council were to consider opening up the amenity cleansing scheme to Parish Councils when the work is put out to competitive tender, that Tidy Up Lancashire Leaflets were available from County Hall, that each Parish Council had been requested to prepare their own document on a Countryside Recreation Strategy before the next meeting of the Area Committee, that the Area Committee were concerned about the preservation of the Green Belt and that with the introduction of the Community Charge the Free 2 pence would be replaced by an amount of £3.50 per head of population.

235/88 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee be requested to prepare a Countryside Recreation Strategy for consideration at a future meeting of the Council.

2. Joint Liaison Committee This meeting had been cancelled.

## STANDING ORDERS

236/88 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.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS (CONT)

3. Newsletter The Clerk reported that Richard Davey was the new Secretary of the Association but that responsibilities had been divided between him and his Assistant and Mike Holden would be responsible for the Parishes in West Lancashire. The National Association had passed a resolution, which had been forwarded to the Department of the Environment; to the effect that planning applications should be publicised by means of a notice on the nearest road frontage to be displayed 7 days before the application is submitted to the Planning Authority. A new copy of Local Council Administration was available.

237/88 RESOLVED:- That the 1989 copy of Local Council Administration be purchased from Longcross Press Ltd at a cost of £18.00 plus £1.50 postage and packing.

## WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk had spoken to Ernest Cocker of Preston who would charge about £2 per letter to replace the missing letters plus expenses.

238/88 RESOLVED:- That an order be placed with Mr E Cocker of Preston for the replacement of the missing letters on the War Memorial.

## VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman reported on a meeting of the Village Hall Committee which was only attended by 6 people. The meeting had decided to ask the Charity Commissioners to prepare a scheme to transfer the Village Hall to the Parish Council and had suggested that Parish Councillors may wish to join the Management Committee of the Hall. The Constitution provided for the appointment of 8 Trustees with the power to co-opt a further 3 members. The Hall required surveying to see what work was required and the Parish Council would require sight of the Balance Sheet. In addition, the Clerk undertook to supply a copy of the Constitution and correspondence from the Community Council of Lancashire to those Parish Councillors who did not have a copy.

239/88 RESOLVED:- a. That further consideration of this issue be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council,

b. That Mr P Griffiths be requested to bring copies of the Balance Sheet of the Village Hall to the next meeting of the Parish Council,

c. That Mr W Hill be asked to inspect the Hall and prepare a list of necessary works for consideration by the Parish Council.

Messrs P Bannister and S Iddon left the meeting at this point.

## PLANNING MATTERS (CONT)

Weekly Lists - Application No 08/89/0370F - Part single storey, part two storey extension at rear and front porch, 88 Shore Road

240/88 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

*P. J. Handley*

*15<sup>th</sup> May 1989.*

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THE 15th MAY 1989

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

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

Messrs P Griffiths; W Hill and J Hodson

Apologies were received from Mrs J Witter; Mr P Bannister and Mr S Iddon and 2 members of the press and public were present.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

1/89 RESOLVED:- That Mr P J Handley be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 1989/90.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Mr P J Handley made his declaration of acceptance of office as Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE - CHAIRMAN

2/89 RESOLVED:- That Mrs D M Trippier be appointed Vice - Chairman of the Council for the year 1989/90.

MINUTES

3/89 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th April 1989 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. West Lancashire Wardencall Mrs L Kershaw had attended the recent Reception and was very impressed with the service offered. The system was manned 24 hours a day and was being taken up on a wide basis.

2. Good Neighbour Scheme A copy of the Annual Report had been given to the Clerk for the Council's records and Mrs D Trippier reported that only members of the Scheme had attended the recent AGM.

4/89 RESOLVED:- That the Council's congratulations be extended to Mrs D Trippier on the continued success of the Good Neighbour Scheme and that the thanks of the Council be extended to Mrs Trippier for all the hard work she puts into the Scheme.

3. Parish Council Administration The Clerk reported that the latest edition of this book would now not be published until the middle of June.



APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Recreation Committee

5/89 RESOLVED:- a. That the Recreation Committee consists of the Chairman of the Council and four members of the Council, and

b. That the Chairman, Mrs M Baxter, Mrs J Witter, Mr W Hill and Mr P Griffiths be appointed to serve on the Committee for the year 1989/90.

2. Allotments Committee

6/89 RESOLVED:- a. That the Allotments Committee consists of the Chairman of the Council and five members of the Council, and

b. That the Chairman, Mrs C Finnan, Mrs J Witter, Mr P Bannister, Mr S Iddon and Mr J Hodson be appointed to serve on the Committee for the year 1989/90.

3. Footpaths Committee

7/89 RESOLVED:- a. That the Footpaths Committee consists of three members of the Council, and

b. That Mrs C Finnan, Mrs D Trippier and Mr J Hodson be appointed to serve on the Committee for the year 1989/90.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

8/89 RESOLVED:- That the following appointments be made to the Outside Bodies indicated for the year 1989/90:-

a. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils - Chairman, Vice - Chairman and Mrs M Baxter.

b. Parish Council's Joint Liaison Committee - Chairman with the Vice - Chairman as the substitute representative.

c. Layfield Charity - Mrs D Trippier

d. Village Hall Committee - Mrs D Trippier

e. Lancs. Playing Fields Association - Mrs J Witter

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

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL MANAGER

9/89 RESOLVED:- That Mrs M Baxter be appointed as a Governor of Hesketh - with - Beconsall CE School for the 4 year period commencing in September 1989.

CORRESPONDENCE

District Council The Minutes of District Council Committees were noted.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

10/89 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | Mark W Taylor Esq., - Grasscutting                                 | £ 81.00 |
| b. | Barry Bryan Growers Supplies Ltd., - Chain Link Fencing            | £149.50 |
| c. | Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils - Annual Subscription etc. | £131.46 |
| d. | Paul Leech Associates - Planning Services                          | £398.00 |

2. Receipts The following monies had been received:-

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|----|---|---------|
| a. | County Council - Grant towards maintenance of Bus Shelters                      | £ 44.39 |
| b. | West Lancashire District Council - Concurrent Expenditure (Payment of 1st half) | £582.00 |

3. Audit of Accounts The Clerk had been advised by Coopers & Lybrand that the audit would take place on Monday 3rd July 1989. The Chairman agreed to keep the Books on deposit at his home during the statutory period.

4. Donations The Rector had thanked the Council for the donation towards the upkeep of the Old Burial Ground.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Foster reported that broken glass and garden waste had been deposited on the site of the Play Area adjacent to the Becconsall Hotel. The Chairman undertook to look at the situation.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

11/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

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| a. | <u>No 08/89/0445</u> - Domestic extensions, 49 Glenpark Drive                    |
| b. | <u>No 08/89/0446</u> - First floor domestic extensions, 92 Glenpark Drive        |
| c. | <u>No 08/89/0472</u> - Horticultural glasshouses, Rosepark Nurseries, Guide Road |

2. Planning Control Sub - Committee - 18th May 1989

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| a. | <u>No 08/89/0314</u> - Extensions etc. to form 'Granny Flat', 14 Becconsall Lane |
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12/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. No 08/89/0091 - Erection of 27 dwellings etc.,  
Chapel Road

13/89 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application at this stage.

3. Development off Station Road by Hourwatch Ltd Mr P Leech had confirmed that he would prepare a brief for the Public Inquiry and attend the proposed meeting with Mr Middlemiss. Mr Leech would also prepare a brief for the Chairman on Green Belt Designations and White Land. A circular letter would be distributed to residents.

4. Northern Parishes District Plan The Development and Amenities Committee in May would be asked to approve, or amend, or disapprove the new Draft of the Plan following which the Plan would be put out for public consultation.

14/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to purchase 11 copies of the latest Draft of the Northern Parishes District Plan for use by members of the Council.

#### VILLAGE HALL

Mr P Griffiths produced copies of the latest Profit and Loss Account for the Hall which was showing a deficit of around £250 per year. Mr W Hill reported that the building was structurally sound, the roof was reasonable but the emergency exit door frame was completely rotten and at least one window was in need of repair work. Mr Hill estimated the cost of replacement of the door and windows at between £1500 and £1600.

The regular users of the Hall were the Parish Council, the Young Farmers, the Over 60's and the Women's Institute but the income did not cover the annual expenditure. Mr Griffiths felt that some capital expenditure was required in order to make the facilities more attractive to potential users. However, there was also a lack of help to run the Hall.

The Chairman reported that Wrightington Parish Council have 3 Halls under their control which are run by a small committee consisting of the Chairman, 2 councillors and one co-opted lady who are given an annual budget to spend.

The recent meeting of the Committee had agreed to approach the Charity Commissioners regarding a scheme to transfer the Hall to the Parish Council but it was now reported that the scheme could take 6 months to prepare, and also agreed to request members of the Parish Council to join the Committee. All members present indicated that, in principle, they were not averse to joining the Committee and a number of ideas for raising money were discussed.

Mr Griffiths agreed to call a meeting of the Village Hall Trustees at which steps would be taken to co-opt members of the Parish Council to assist in the running of the Hall.

#### HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The Chairman confirmed that re-surfacing of the roads and footways would take place after a period of settlement had elapsed. He also reported the provision of a new barrier at the top of the steps on the bridge.

## BUS SHELTERS

The County Council had agreed to provide some protection for the bus shelter situated at the junction of Station Road and Moss Lane.

Merseybus had been asked to undertake a survey of all the shelters in the Parish.

The Chairman reported that Mr T Quinn, who had been cleaning the shelters had met with a fatal accident.

15/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to place an advertisement for a new cleaner on the Parish Council's Notice Boards.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

### 1. Recreation Ground

A. Meeting with the Boys Football Club The Chairman reported on the meeting held on the 8th May 1989. The events of a year ago had been discussed and the air cleared in that respect. The Council had given the Club some general information about the making up of School Fold and the possibility of the hut and play equipment being painted this year.

The Club had suggested that about 100 tons of soil was required on the pitch because of the poor drainage and 3 bags of grass seed were required for the bare patches. Other concerns of the Club were the use of creosote for marking the pitch and access to the ground for an ambulance.

The Chairman reported that the District Council could undertake a survey of the drainage of the ground and that the County Council would provide 2 bags of grass seed instead of the usual one bag. The County Council were also aware of the problems caused by the use of creosote and were urgently looking for an alternative method of marking the pitch.

16/89 RESOLVED:- That the Club be advised of the current position regarding the use of creosote, that the Parish Council will try to obtain 3 bags of grass seed from the County Council, that the District Council will be asked to undertake a survey of the drainage of the field, that the Council will not pay for any soil pending consideration of the report on the drainage, that access for an ambulance should, for the present time, be via Delta Park Drive, and that a further meeting be held in the Autumn.

B. Painting The Chairman reported that MSC had no painters and could not undertake the painting of the equipment and the changing hut.

17/89 RESOLVED:- That Mrs L Kershaw be authorised to approach Mr Tom Iddon to see if he will undertake this work, and if he will to obtain an estimate of the cost of the work.

2. Glenpark Drive Play Area This issue was still in the hands of Mr P Cooley of the District Council.

3. Area adjacent to Becconsall Hotel The Chairman reported that the County Council did not object to plastic coated fencing being placed on the existing fence up the side of the bridge, and also had no objection to shrubs being planted on the grassy bank of the bridge. The Clerk had advised the District Council and asked for the Planning Application to be put before the Committee. The Clerk had also asked the District Council for a grant towards the cost of the shrubs.

It was also reported that part of the banking on the site of the play area had been removed by the Contractors and that they would be returning to the site to complete some work for the Hotel.

4. Recreation Ground Play Area A letter had been received from a resident of Belsfield Drive regarding nuisances caused by older youths using the equipment. The resident suggested that the swings should be locked at night, say from 6.30pm and 10.00am, and he offered to carry out that task on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Chairman had spoken to the local Police Officer who was aware of the problems and undertook to keep an eye on things. The Chairman also had a sign saying that the equipment was for use by the Under 12's.

18/89 RESOLVED:- That the offer of Mr R Hunt to lock and unlock the swings be accepted for a trial period, subject to the swings being locked at 9.00pm and unlocked at 8.00am, that if the terms are acceptable, suitable locks and chains be purchased by the Parish Council, and that Mr Hunt be asked if he has any ideas as to where the sign can be placed.

#### ALLOTMENTS

1. Tenancies It was reported that Plot No 20 had not been worked this year.

19/89 RESOLVED:- That the tenant of Allotment No 20 be requested to give an assurance that the plot will be worked and advised that failing that he will be deemed to have broken the terms of the tenancy and the plot re-allocated to another tenant.

#### 2. Finney's Gutter

20/89 RESOLVED:- That the Environmental Health Officer of the District Council be requested to investigate the apparent pollution of the ditch as a matter of urgency.

#### 3. Inspection

21/89 RESOLVED:- That the Allotments Committee be requested to make their Annual Inspection of the Allotments in July. and, in particular, examine the building of Finney's gutter. P.J.H

P.J. Handley  
12 June '89

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 12th JUNE 1989

PRESENT:-

Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter, C Finnan and D Trippier

Messrs P Bannister; W Hill and S Iddon *Mrs J Witter, PG. 14*

Apologies were received from Mrs L Kershaw, Mr P Griffiths, Mr J Hodson and The Clerk

One member of the public and one member of the press were present.

MINUTES

22/89 RESOLVED:- That subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th May 1989, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

'ALLOTMENTS - Inspection Minute 21/89 Add at end of minute and, in particular, examine the bridging of Finney's Gutter.'

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items under this heading.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

- a. Agendas There were no items affecting this Parish.
- b. Accounts A copy of the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 1988 had been received.
- c. Chairman's Lady's Charity Committee A Mediaeval Banquet to be held on the 30th June 1989, was noted.

2. Other matters

a. Resignation of Councillor A letter of resignation had been received from Mr P Griffiths due to his impending removal to Derbyshire.

23/89 RESOLVED:- A. That the Clerk be requested to send a letter to Mr P Griffiths to thank him for his services to the Parish Council,

and B. That the Chief Executive of the District Council be advised of the resignation and asked for advice on the steps to be taken to fill the vacancy.

b. Civic Service The Vice-Chairman had attended this event in place of the Chairman .

## FINANCE

### 1. Accounts for payment

24/89 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

A.	J Chohan Esq., - Work at Glenpark Drive	£ 60.00
B.	B Rimmer Esq., - Clerk's salary & expenses	£265.80
C.	CPRE - Annual subscription	£ 8.00

2. Audit of accounts The Books were deposited with the Chairman.

3. Other matters Receipts had been received from Mr P Leech and the Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Foster reported that the cover of the junction box on the lamp at 55 Station Road was missing and water appeared to be leaking from the main at 2 and 56 Moss Lane.

Mr Foster was also concerned about the possibility of 'nodding donkeys' being sited in Banks and asked if a similar operation might occur in Hesketh Bank. The Chairman reported that the Gas Board was still negotiating with 15 landowners regarding rights of way down Dunkirk Dib.

Mr Foster also questioned an item in the new Development Plan for the Northern Parishes.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### 1. Weekly lists

a. No 08/89/0552 - Outline for one house, southerly side of Newarth Lane

25/89 RESOLVED:- That the Planning Department be advised that this site is within the Green Belt and its development would lengthen the ribbon development along this narrow lane.

b. No 08/89/0557F - 2 storey domestic extension, rear of 50 Shore Road

26/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/89/0600 - Outline for 4 detached dwellings, The Brow (Off Station Road)

27/89 RESOLVED:- That the Planning Department be advised that the Parish Council do not disapprove of residential development on this site but that, because of the many traffic hazards on The Brow, the Parish Council feel that House No 1 should not be built and the site used to improve the access to Station Road.

d. No 08/89/0594 - Detached bungalow & garage, 5 Chapel Gardens

28/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

e. No 08/89/0622 - Outline for Agricultural Workers Dwelling, 208 Moss Lane

29/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

f. No 08/89/0628 - Use as Rest Home, Mount Pleasant, Boundary Meanygate

30/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee

31/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

A. No 08/89/0194 - Replacement agricultural workers dwelling, land at front of Moss Lane (Recommended refusal)

B. No 08/89/0341 - Use of agricultural implement shed as light engineering workshop, 407 Moss Lane (Recommended refusal)

C. No 08/89/0010 - Use as play area for children, land adjoining Beconsall Hotel (Recommended approval)

D. No 08/89/0115 - Nine detached dwellings etc., land off Silverdale (Recommended approval)

3. Application by Hourwatch Ltd It was noted that the Director of Development and Amenities was to discuss the appeal with the Council's Solicitor and the County Surveyor prior to discussing matters with the Parish Council.

Mrs C Finnan arrived at this point in the meeting.

4. Development at Tarleton Mr P Bannister understood that 300 houses were to be built in Tarleton and he felt that this Parish Council should be advised of large developments as they affect the amenities and services to this Parish. The Chairman confirmed that this large development was included in the Northern Parishes District Plan but it would be built in stages over a period of years.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Hazelwood Drive NWA were to repair the stop tap. The District Council had referred the 'Cul-de-sac' sign and the painting of the bollards to the County Council whilst application for the street light should be made to the Joint Liaison Committee. The Clerk was asked to forward a location plan to the Liaison Committee.

2. Other matters

a. Station Road

32/89 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to, at the appropriate time, do major work of the surface of Station Road to the same standard as Church Road, Tarleton.



b. Station Road Sewer Concern was expressed about foul smells coming through the sewer chamber lids. The Chairman reported that the matter was in hand.

c. Overgrown hedges

33/89 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be advised that the hedge between The Grange and Mr Scofic's piggery requires cutting back and that the name of the owner be passed on to the County Council.

d. Car park in village centre The Clerk was requested to ask Henry Alty's if any progress had been made in this respect.

e. Grasscutting

34/89 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to approach Mark Taylor regarding the cutting of the grass on the railway bridge and the top end (south) of School Fold.

f. Footpaths It was reported that the County Council had filled in the low wet area, as promised, and that the Footpath Officer was to look at the bonfire site near the footpath at the boatyard. It was also reported that the footpath at the junction of the Old Bank and Guide Road was blocked with barbed wire.

Mr W Hill arrived at this point in the meeting.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

a. Use of football pitch The Boys Football Club had indicated that the decisions of the Council would be reported to their Committee and had thanked the members of the Council for their time in meeting them. The Boys FC had reported that the field had been creosoted and they felt this was unacceptable. The Boys FC requested use of the pitch on Sunday mornings and afternoons and they believed that the Seniors FC required the pitch on Saturday afternoons. The Chairman reported that an Officer from the District Council would advise the Parish Council on the drainage.

35/89 RESOLVED:- A. That the County Council Playing Fields Department be requested to use a type of marking other than creosote on the field,  
B. That the Senior FC be asked to make written application for the use of the pitch next season,  
C. That Mr S Iddon be requested to meet the Officer from the District Council to show him the line of the drains.

b. Painting of equipment Mrs L Kershaw reported that Mr Iddon was unable to undertake this work.

36/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to advertise on the Notice Boards for a handyman to undertake the work.

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c. Use of equipment Mr Hunt had accepted the Council's decision regarding the hours that the equipment should be available and the Chairman had priced the necessary padlocks and chains at £70.

37/89 RESOLVED:- A. That the notice board be erected on two posts and placed against the school fence near the slide,

B. That Mr N Marsden be requested to erect the board,

C. That a decision to purchase the padlocks and chains be postponed on the grounds of the expense involved,

and D. That the situation be kept under review and that Mr W Hill be authorised to monitor the issue on behalf of the Council.

d. Inspection of equipment Mr W Hill had inspected the areas adjacent to the slide and the swings and felt that the low areas had been caused by parents standing at those spots.

38/89 RESOLVED:- That Mr W Hill be authorised to ~~concrete the~~ low areas in question.

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2. Area adjacent to the Becconsall Hotel The District Council had asked Mr Greenwood to level the site and planning permission should be granted on Thursday. Mr Farrington of ET had indicated that the fencing may not be fastened on the existing fence until the autumn.

39/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be asked to request ET to undertake the fencing work in the autumn.

3. Poop Scoop Bylaws The District Council had forwarded copies of the Bylaws for sealing by the Parish Council.

40/89 RESOLVED:- That this item be deferred to the next meeting and that the Clerk be requested to clarify the position regarding the sealing of the documents.

#### ALLOTMENTS

1. Finney's Gutter NWWA had indicated that this was not their responsibility and suggested that the District Council be contacted.

41/89 RESOLVED:- That a copy of the letter from NWWA be forwarded to the District Council with a request for advice as to the responsibility for cleaning the ditch.

2. Tenancy of Plot No 20 Mr Sergison had replied to the effect that he was concerned about the sludge from the ditch being deposited on the plot. It was indicated that the work to the ditch was done in February and that planting would not have been undertaken at that time.

42/89 RESOLVED:- That Mr Sergison be advised that his comments have been noted, that there are no other available plots at this time, and asked about his intentions regarding this plot.

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### 3. Annual Inspection

43/89 RESOLVED:- That the Annual Inspection be undertaken by the Allotments Committee on Monday the 10th July 1989 at 6.30pm.

Mr P Bannister and Mr S Iddon left the meeting at this point.

#### BUS SHELTERS

A report had been received from Merseybus who wished to discuss the contents with the Clerk and Chairman.

44/89 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to meet representatives of Merseybus before the next meeting of the Council.

#### VILLAGE HALL

In the absence of Mr P Griffiths there was no discussion on this item.

P. J. Handley.  
10 July '89.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 10th JULY 1989

PRESENT:-

Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

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

Messrs W Hill; J Hodson and S Iddon.

Apologies were received from Mrs M Baxter and Mr P Bannister and 2 members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

45/89 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendments, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th June 1989 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

a. The addition of Mrs Witter's name to those members who tendered their apologies and

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b. Resolution No 38/89 being amended to read as follows:-

' That Mr W Hill be authorised to obtain a quotation to concrete the low areas in question. '

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items under this heading.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council (A) Various agenda and minutes had been received.

(B) Copies of the Capital Programme 1989/90 - 1991/92 and the Revenue Estimates for 1989/90 had been received.

(C) A poster about West Lancashire Training Services had been received for display on the Council Notice Board.

2. Other matters

(A) Copies of the Local Council Review, the Annual Report of the CPRE and the Annual Report and Directory of the West Lancashire Council for Voluntary Service had been received.

(B) Details of the A1 Nursing and Home Care Nursing Agency had been received.

## FINANCE

### 1. Accounts for payment

46/89 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. NWWA - Water charges £ 8.75
- b. Mark W Taylor Esq - Various grass cutting £ 62.00  
(Grass verges - £27; Recreation Ground - £27; School  
Fold footpath - £8)

(Mrs C Finnan arrived at this point in the meeting )

- c. J Chohan Esq - Work at Glenpark Drive £120.00  
( A vote of appreciation to Mr Chohan for all the work  
he has done was also passed )

### 2. Other matters

Notification had been received about a change in the Auditor from 1st April 1990.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J Chohan reported that a gentleman from Glenpark Drive had complained to him that the weedkiller he was using may be unsafe because children played on the area. Mr Chohan had produced documents to the Chairman of the Council that the weedkiller was not dangerous to children.

Mr Chohan also reported that one of the logs on Glenpark Drive may need replacement and that the tarmac would require re-surfacing in due course.

Mr Foster asked about the use of weedkiller sprays on the Parish Council allotments and the Chairman indicated that a licence was only required for the use of such sprays on land other than one's own land. Mr S Iddon indicated that very little was used on the allotments but the people who did use such sprays were experts in its application.

Mr Foster also asked whether the County Council employed Inspectors to look out for overhanging hedges and mentioned one in Station Road. The Chairman said that the County Council relied on individuals or Parish Councils reporting such instances but that they had the power to make the owner cut the hedge or do the work themselves and charge the owner with the cost of the work.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### 1. Weekly lists

47/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/89/0644 - Extensions, Adj to 29 Shore Road

- b. No 08/89/0650 - Extensions, 52 Shore Road
- c. No 08/89/0730 - O/L Detached bungalow, Adj. 'Rosemeade',  
Boundary Meanygate
- d. No 08/89/0743F - O/L Detached house & garage, Adj.  
Blandford Cottage, Anchorage Avenue
- e. No 08/89/0746 - Extensions, Taywood Farm, Boundary  
Meanygate
- f. No 08/89/0779 - Extensions, Heather Glen, Boundary  
Meanygate
- g. No 08/89/0797 - Extensions, 11 Moss Lane, Tarleton

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 13th July 1989

A. Application No 08/89/0194 - O/L Detached dwelling  
& garage & new vehicular access, Land at front of Moss Lane

48/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

B. Application No 08/89/0552 - O/L One house,  
Newarth Lane

49/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

C. Application No 08/89/0340 - Removal of agricultural  
occupancy condition imposed on Application 08/75/1260, Boundary Farm,  
Boundary Lane

50/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

D. Application No 08/89/0594 - Detached bungalow &  
garage, 5 Chapel Gardens

The Chairman reported that he intended to attend the  
meeting to speak on this item and suggested that the problems which  
had been experienced since this land was levelled should be sorted out  
before this development commenced.

51/89 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to make appropriate  
comments at the Planning meeting, on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

- a. No 08/89/0445 - Extensions, 49 Glenpark Drive
- b. No 08/89/0446 - Extensions, 92 Glenpark Drive
- c. No 08/89/0472 - Glasshouses, Rosepark Nurseries,  
Guide Road

4. Planning appeal It was reported that an appeal in respect  
of 3 Enforcement Notices issued regarding 11 Beconsall Lane had been  
dismissed and the Notices had been upheld.

5. Appeal by Hourwatch Ltd It was reported that letters had been received from the District Council and the local MP regarding the Appeal Hearing. The Chairman and Mr P Leech had met with the Planning Officer for the District Council following which a Proof of Evidence for the Chairman had been lodged with the Department of the Environment. The applicants had now withdrawn the shops and health centre from the plan and replaced them with more dwellings. The District Council and the applicants had both engaged Barristers to present their respective cases. The only point of difference between the Parish Council and District Council was that the Parish Council felt the site should remain in the Green Belt whilst the District Council had classed it as White Land in the new Draft of the Northern Parishes District Plan. The Chairman had spoken to the County Surveyor and asked for accident figures to be researched prior to 1986.

(Mrs L Kershaw arrived at this point in the meeting)

It was further reported that the Chairman would read his Proof of Evidence and it was hoped that as many residents as possible would take the trouble to attend and speak individually. The dates needed to be publicised again and the Chairman undertook to contact the local papers. It was agreed that some posters should be prepared for display in the Parish. It was also agreed that the Clerk should invite Councillor B Gannaway-Jones, Chairman of Tarleton Parish Council, Mr L L Watson, Chairman of the Area Committee of the LAP&TC, and Mr K H Hind MP to attend the hearing and give their views to the Inspector.

6. Play Area adjacent to Becconsall Hotel Planning Approval had now been received, subject to conditions and the Planning Officer had suggested, and the Committee agreed, to an additional condition relating to the preservation of the trees on the site.

7. Car Boot Sales The Planning Officer had confirmed that Planning Permission was required and had asked that the Parish Council advise him of future sales.

#### HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Station Road Bridge Banking The Chairman had spoken to Mark Taylor about cutting this grass banking and it had been suggested that weedkiller should be used. Mark Taylor had quoted £30 for this work.

52/89 RESOLVED:- That Mr J Chohan be asked for a price for this work.

2. Grass verges The Chairman had spoken to the County Council about an area on Chapel Road and been advised that the Parish Council should claim the £200 again from the County Council.

53/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to submit an account to the County Council for cutting the grass verges in the Parish owned by the County Council.

3. Footpaths & Bridleways A number of matters concerning footpaths & bridleways in the Parish were reported.

54/89 RESOLVED:- (A) That the Environmental Health Department be requested to investigate the bonfires in the vicinity of Footpath 46, and

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(B) That the County Council be requested to investigate the following matters:-

a. The bonfires near and the blocking of Footpath No 46 in the vicinity of the Hesketh Bank Boatyard,

b. The barbed wire across Footpath No 12 where the Old Bank meets Guide Road,

c. The eroded footbridge near the junction of Footpaths 9 & 51 which makes it impossible to cross the ditch,

d. The blockage of the bridleway between Boundary Lane and Boundary Meanygate.

4. Station Road Sewer It was reported that during recent heavy rain the sewer had been backing up on Titmouse Brow. It appeared that there was a basic problem in that the discharge from Titmouse Brow would not enter the new sewer when there was a lot of water in that sewer. The Chairman had been assured that the matter would be put right but the road had been closed for a week whilst remedial works were carried out.

55/89 RESOLVED:- (A) That the District Council be requested:

a. To forward a copy of the drawings of the sewer scheme to the Parish Council,

b. To explain why the sewer is backing up on Titmouse Brow,

c. To explain why there are repeated smells from the manholes on Station Road,

d. To confirm whether or not the new 36" pipe connects with a narrower pipe at the top of The Brow,

e. To indicate whether there are any comments the District Council wish to make, and

(B) That the Parish Council receive an answer to the above questions prior to the Public Inquiry to be held on the 1st August 1989 as these issues are relevant to the case to be put forward at that Inquiry.

5. Speeding matters

56/89 RESOLVED:- That the Police be requested to investigate the continued speeding on Shore Road, in the vicinity of the school, and the speed testing of cars after repair along Guide Road.

6. Matters for the County Surveyor

57/89 RESOLVED:- That the following issues be brought to the attention of the Divisional County Surveyor:-

a. That the final surface on Station Road be of the same standard as the recent re-surfacing of Church Road, Tarleton,

b. That urgent attention be paid to the overgrown hedge on Station Road between 'The Grange' and Mr Skofic's piggery,

c. That the ~~s~~-surfacing of Moss Lane be deferred until after NWWA have completed their connections to the new main,

d. That, in the meantime, the potholes in Moss Lane be filled in,

e. That an investigation of the stone barrier in Mill Lane

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be undertaken and that the Parish Council be advised whether any action can be taken,

f. That consideration be given to raising the kerbstones at the junction of Shore Road and Guide Road in an attempt to discourage heavy goods vehicles from mounting the footway.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

##### 1. Recreation Ground

###### A. Application from Hesketh Bank AFC

58/89 RESOLVED:- That Hesketh Bank AFC be granted<sup>N</sup> the use of the football pitch on the Recreation Ground for one team on Saturday afternoons at a charge of £20 for the season, to be paid in advance, and subject to the usual arrangements with the Boys FC regarding the use of Station Road by the Boys. P.G.H.

B. Delta Park Entrance A complaint had been received from Mrs L Townsley about sand deposited at the Delta Park entrance to the Recreation Ground by the Boys FC and which was blowing all over her property when the wind was blowing. The Boys FC had been asked on numerous occasions, both verbally and in writing to remove the sand, but at 6.20pm this evening, the sand was still there.

59/89 RESOLVED:- (A) That arrangements be made for the sand to be removed this weekend,

(B) That Mr Chohan be requested to inspect the sand and indicate to the Chairman whether or not he feels he can undertake the work,

(C) That, in the event that Mr Chohan cannot do the work, the Clerk & Chairman be authorised to arrange for the sand to be removed,

(D) That the Boys FC be advised of the action being taken by the Parish Council and told that the cost of removing the sand will be recharged to the Club and that their application to use the football pitch will not be considered until this issue is resolved to the satisfaction of the Parish Council.

(Mrs L Kershaw left the meeting at this point)

C. Drainage Mr S Iddon had met one of the District Council's Officers who had merely offered the opinion that the pitch was overplayed. It was suggested that the solution was to lay mole drains as had been done by Tarleton Parish Council last year. The Chairman undertook to investigate that suggestion.

D. Litter Mr G G White of Belsfield Drive had complained about litter blowing into his garden and had suggested that the Parish Council should provide a litter bin on the Ground. Mrs J Witter undertook to raise the matter at the next meeting of the School Governors.

60/89 RESOLVED:- That Mr White be advised of the action taken and that the Parish Council will give further consideration to his suggestion.

E. Play equipment Mr W Hill reported that he had been monitoring the use of the equipment and had not seen anyone acting in an untoward manner or creating a disturbance. Mr Hill also reported that to concrete along the length of the slide and under the steps would cost in the region of £150 but if any problems were encountered requiring the use of hardcore, this could increase by a further £30.

61/89 RESOLVED:- That Mr W Hill be requested to obtain a firm quotation for the work for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

F. 'Poop Scoop' Byelaws

62/89 RESOLVED:- (A) That the Draft Byelaws now presented be approved and placed under seal,

(B) That copies of the Byelaws be available for members of the public at a cost of 30pence per copy,

(C) That two copies of the Byelaws be placed under seal,

(D) That the Byelaws be made available for public inspection at the home of the Chairman, 1 Charles Close, Hesketh Bank

STANDING ORDERS

63/89 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.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS (CONT)

2. Glenpark Drive The Council considered the question of the log reported by Mr Chohan.

64/89 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Mrs J Witter be authorised to purchase a replacement log.

3. Play area adjacent to the Becconsall Hotel The Chairman had arranged for the area to be levelled and Mrs J Witter reported that the Lancashire Playing Fields Association had grants available for play areas.

BUS SHELTERS

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had met Mr McMahon of Merseybus to discuss the works necessary to the shelters. As a result, a quotation had been received from Merseybus for the replacement of the two shelters which were in a dangerous condition in the sum of £1436.31 + VAT.

65/89 RESOLVED:- (A) That the Clerk be authorised to make application to the County Council for 50% of the cost of replacing the two bus shelters, and

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(B) That an order be placed with Merseybus for the replacement of the shelters at a cost of £1436.31 + VAT subject to the colour matching the colour of the other glass shelters.

ALLOTMENTS

1. Inspection Mr W Hill and Mrs C Finnan had inspected the allotments and the ditch known as Finneys Gutter. The ditch was clear and running well. A bridge of strengthened sleepers, concreted into each bank had been erected at the end of Mr Baxter's garden and it looked as though the job had been done whilst he had been concreting his back garden. The Chairman reported that the District Council were able to require riparian owners to clear blocked ditches.

It was also reported that the Cropper brothers had agreed to take over Plot No 20 until the end of the current season and to pay the full rental for the plot. In addition Plots Nos 16 and 17 had not been worked during the current season.

66/89 RESOLVED:- (A) That Plot No 20 be allocated to Croppers for the remainder of the current season only at the full rental of £6.50 per annum,

(B) That Mr Sergison be advised that Plot 20 has been allocated to someone else and asked if he wishes to remain on the waiting list,

(C) That the tenants of Plots Nos 16 & 17 be advised that if no work is done within the next few weeks, the Parish Council will consider what action should be taken.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS

It was reported that the West Lancashire Area Committee meeting would be held on the 21st July 1989 and that the Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee meeting due to be held on the 20th July 1989 had been cancelled.

P. J. Handley  
7 August 1989.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 7th AUGUST 1989

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

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

Apologies were received from Mrs C Finnan; Mr W Hill and Mr J Hodson and two members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

67/89 RESOLVED:- That subject to the following amendments the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th July 1989 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

- a. Minute No 45/89 a. Mr Witter's to read Mrs Witter's
- b. Minute No 57/89 c. er-surfacing to read re-surfacing
- c. Minute No 58/89 grated to read granted

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that Mr J Hodson was in hospital and members present signed a Get well card.

The Chairman also reported that Mrs C Finnan would be leaving the village in about 4/5 weeks time as they had sold the shop. He believed she would be tendering her resignation in due course.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items to report under this heading.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council Agendas and minutes of District Council meetings had been received and there were no items affecting this parish.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils The Clerk reported that the AGM would be held at County Hall, Preston on Saturday 11th November 1989.

3. Community Council News The latest edition had been received.

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FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

68/89 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. J Chohan Esq., - Removing sand from Recreation Ground - £ 70.00
- b. Lancashire County Council - Grass seed - £104.69
- c. Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd - Play equipment - £ 43.60
- d. J Chohan Esq., - Work at Glenpark Drive - £ 50.00
- e. P Handley Esq., - Photocopies - £ 10.50
- f. Mrs L Kershaw - Parish Council's contribution to Audit Notice - £ 2.45

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Foster, who had attended the recent Planning Inquiry in the village indicated that it had been said that Hesketh Bank had no identity of its own in that it was classed as one conurbation with Tarleton. He asked whether that meant that the Parish Council in Hesketh Bank would be abolished.

The Chairman replied that Hesketh Bank and Tarleton were looked at as one area for planning purposes but that the Boundary Commission would not look at the possible joining of the two parishes unless it received a request from the District Council to undertake a review and this Parish Council would have to be consulted on any proposals to vary the present structure.

Mr Foster also reported a large amount of litter on the east side of the Recreation Ground.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists

69/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/89/0887 - Extensions at Wyverne, Guide Road

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 10th August 1989

a. No 08/89/0628 - Use as a Rest Home, Mount Pleasant, Boundary Meanygate

70/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made.

b. No 08/89/0743 - O/L Detached house and garage, land adj. Blandford Cottage, Anchorage Avenue

71/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made.

c. No 08/89/0644 - Detached dormer bungalow and new vehicular access (Amendment of No. 08/89/0026), adj 29 Shore Road

72/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made.

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3. Appeal by Hourwatch Ltd The Chairman reported on the public inquiry and indicated that it was not yet known when the result would be announced. He felt the Hesketh Bank case had been well put and it had been accepted that there would be a 5% increase in traffic in Hesketh Lane/Station Road. Also that West Lancashire were providing enough land in the district to meet the target figure set by the Government without utilising land in Hesketh Bank.

It was also reported that there had been a lack of support from the village at the inquiry.

The Clerk reported the <sup>receipt</sup> receipt of a letter from Mr C D Loynes of Chandlers Croft who was making the same points of objection as had been made at the inquiry.

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73/89 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman of the Council, Councillor P J Handley, be thanked for the excellent way he had presented the Parish Council's case at the inquiry.

#### HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Station Road Bridge The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Mr J Chohan who had been unable to match the price quoted by Mr M Taylor for spraying weedkiller on the banking. An order had, therefore, been placed with Mr Taylor. It was further reported that a lot of weeds were growing out from under the fence and encroaching onto the footway. It was suggested that a strimmer was required to clear these weeds.

74/89 RESOLVED:- A. That the action of the Chairman, in consultation with the Clerk, in placing an order with Mr M Taylor to spray weedkiller on the banking of Station Road bridge, be confirmed,

B. That the Chairman be authorised to place an order with Mr J Chohan or Mr M Taylor for the strimming of the weeds growing through the fence on Station Road bridge.

2. Station Road Sewer It was reported that the plans had been received, that if the smells persist arrangements will be made to flush the sewer, that the back-up had been caused by two blockages, one by a deflated child's football and the other by a piece of timber, that a storage reservoir had been provided by installing an enlarged pipe of 36" diameter upstream of The Brow, that the sewer from Titmouse Brow had been re-routed to outfall below the hydrobrake at The Brow, and all the work had been approved by the NWWA. The Chairman reported further smells and had informed the District Council accordingly.

3. Speeding matters - Shore Road and Guide Road The Police were investigating these matters.

4. Matters referred to Divisional County Surveyor

a. Station Road this would be resurfaced in September using the same material as in Church Road, Tarleton. The Chairman had been told that the contractor would be requested to fill in the potholes.

b. Station Road hedge the owner would be approached.

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c. Moss Lane NWWA were proceeding as quickly as possible following which the Divisional Surveyor will complete the re-instatement.

d. Mill Lane was described as a hot bed of neighbourly troubles. The road was unadopted and the only solution was to have it made up. Mrs L Kershaw took exception to the remarks of the Divisional Surveyor. The main concern of the Council was for all the people who visit the Bank's private car park. It was agreed to ask the Divisional Surveyor what making up would entail and who would be responsible for paying the cost of the work.

e. Shore Road/Guide Road it is not possible to raise the kerb as consideration needs to be given to prams and the disabled. It was suggested that we need to make the best of things as they are.

5. Station Road Car Park A reminder had been sent to Henry Alty Ltd.

6. Footpaths A meeting was to be held at the District Council offices on Thursday 24th August 1989 at 7.30pm It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should attend the meeting.

7. Guide Road It was agreed that the County Council be requested to do something about the poor visibility caused at the point where there is a banking on both sides of Guide Road.

8. Station Road Footway It was agreed that the County Council be requested to effect repairs to the footway between Alty's and the block of shops.

9. Litter bin It was reported that the bin outside the Today shop was broken and agreed that the District Council be requested to replace it with a neater design.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

##### 1. Recreation Ground

a. Use by Boys Football Club Further discussion was held on this issue.

75/89 RESOLVED:- That the Boys Football Club be charged for the removal of the sand i.e. £70, less an allowance of £10 for the sand removed, the total of £60 to be paid before the next meeting of the Council when further consideration would be given to their request to use the pitch and that in the meantime, the Boys be refused permission to use the facilities.

b. Boundary of ground It was reported that the hedge was in the need of cutting but it was agreed to defer this work until the work of making up School Fold was completed. In that respect, it was reported that the lampposts had been erected and the remaining work would be completed as soon as NORWEB connected the electricity supply.

c. Delta Park entrance One bollard required replacing and additional bollards were required.

76/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to ask Messrs N Marsden and R Carr to provide quotations for the provision and erection of 3 bollards at the Delta Park entrance to the ground.

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d. Play equipment It was reported that the maximum cost of the concreting would be £150.

77/89 RESOLVED:- That the quotation of £150 for concreting work alongside the play equipment be accepted.

e. Marking of football pitches The County Council had responded that overmarking for School Sports Days was usually done in white and apologised for the oversight in not marking out in white for this summer's sports. It was agreed to send a copy of the letter to the Boys Football Club and to the Headteacher at the School.

f. Car Park It was reported that the owner of the house next to the car park had started to dig out foundations for a wall but had been advised by the Clerk to submit his proposals to the Council for consideration. Permission was requested to build a wall on the boundary between the car park and the house and to take the opportunity of straightening out the boundary at this point. It was intended to re-instate the area between the wall and the footpath to the same standard as the car park. Members felt that a re-alignment should be agreed only if it was of advantage to both parties.

78/89 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to meet the applicant on site with the power to agree the line of the proposed wall on behalf of the Parish Council.

2. Glenpark Drive Play Area It was reported that the log had been replaced and agreed that the old log be disposed of as appropriate.

3. Area adjacent to the Becconsall Hotel It was reported that the area had now been levelled.

79/89 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee be authorised to bring forward to the full Council some proposals for the type of play equipment to be installed on this site together with a possible layout.

#### BUS SHELTERS

The Clerk reported that the County Council's Officers had indicated that 50% of the cost of 2 new shelters would be available and on that basis an order had been placed with Merseybus.

#### ALLOTMENTS

Consideration was given to the future rentals of the allotments bearing in mind that 12 months notice had to be given if increases were planned.

80/89 RESOLVED:- A. That the tenants be advised that the rentals would be increased to £8 per plot (£7.50 for plots 19 & 20) with effect from the rentals due in August 1990, and

B. That the tenants of plots Nos 16 & 17 be not asked for their rental for the year 1990/91 pending the receipt of their intentions regarding those plots.



LANCS. ASSOC. OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS - WEST LANCASHIRE AREA COMMITTEE

It was reported that the Parishes were to be asked to take part in a survey on the need and space for low cost housing in rural areas, that the Advisory Committee were to present a report on the District Countryside Recreation Strategy to the next meeting, that nothing firm had yet been decided on the Community Charge, and that bids for capital schemes for 1990/91 had to be in before the next meeting of the Committee.

P. J. Handley

4<sup>th</sup> Sept. '89.

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HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 4th SEPTEMBER 1989

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

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

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

Apologies were received from Mrs C Finnan and 16  
members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

81/89 RESOLVED:- That subject to the following amendments, the  
Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th August 1989 be confirmed and  
signed by the Chairman:-

- a. Page 3, Item 3, Paragraph 3 'recipt' to read 'receipt'
- b. Page 4, Item d, Final sentence 'payimg' to read 'paying'

RESIGNATION

In addition to sending her apologies for being unable to  
attend this meeting, Mrs C Finnan had also formerly submitted her  
resignation from the Parish Council.

82/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to thank Mrs C  
Finnan for her services to the Parish Council over the past 6 years  
and to send her the Council's best wishes for the future.

Mr W Hill arrived at this point in the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items under this heading.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lancs. Association of Parish & Town Councils

a. West Lancashire Area Committee Dates of future  
meetings and details of representatives on various bodies had been  
received.

b. Annual General Meeting of Association Details  
of the delegates were required by the 20th October 1989. It was  
agreed to appoint the delegates at the next meeting of the Council.