

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 23RD APRIL 1990

PRESENT:-

Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter & L Kershaw

Messrs P Bannister, M Goodier, L Greenwood  
and S Iddon

Apologies were received from Mrs D Trippier, Mrs J Witter  
and Mr W Hill and one member of the public was present.

MINUTES

247/89 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th  
March 1990 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

ARISING FROM MINUTES

Age Concern The first edition of the Newsletter had been received.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Committee Agendas

(i) Development & Amenities It was hoped to  
start making up School Fold this month.

(ii) Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee  
The meeting for the 12th April had been cancelled.

b. West Lancashire Tourist Guide A copy had been received

c. Dog Warden was prepared to attend summer fayres  
and fetes. It was agreed to send a copy of the letter to All Saint's Church  
and to the Methodist Church.

2. County Council Details of the Welfare Rights Service

had been received.

3. Other Matters

a. North West Water A VAT questionnaire had been completed

by the Clerk.

b. Good Neighbour Scheme The AGM could be held in  
the Village Hall on 3rd May 1990 at 7.30pm and all Parish Councillors were  
welcome to attend.

c. Lancs. Assn. of Parish & Town Councils The Clerk  
agreed to complete questionnaires on Age Memorials and Playing Fields. It  
was agreed to obtain leaflets about Safety in Children's Playgrounds  
and Help for Village Halls.

PJH

d. Countryside Campaigner The latest edition had been received.

e. Riverside Leisure Centre Plans for this venue had been returned to the Solicitors.

#### FINANCE

##### 1. Accounts for Payment

248/89 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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|----|---|-----------|
| A. | Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils - Annual Subscription | £ 138.81  |
| B. | Mr J R Foster - Streetcleaning for April                      | £ 469.00  |
| C. | Tony Holmes Landscapes - Rotavating & Turfing                 | £ 384.10  |
| D. | Wicksteed Leisure Ltd. - Equipment & Installation             | £ 2874.98 |
| E. | Mr R Carr - Concrete posts on Recreation Ground               | £ 37.49   |
| F. | Mr M Goodier - Paint for Bus Shelter                          | £ 12.99   |

##### 2. Receipts

The following had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council - Streetcleaning	
First payment	£ 1443.75

##### 3. Donations

###### a. West Lancashire VSS

249/89 RESOLVED\* That the request for a donation be deferred pending the forthcoming discussion at the next meeting of the LAP&TC.

###### b. Burial Ground Grant

250/89 RESOLVED:- That a Grant of £75 be made to All Saints PCC in respect of the Old Burial Ground, Beconsall Lane.

4. Insurance The Clerk explained the current position with regard to the Council's Insurance Policies.

251/89 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to deal with the Council's Insurance as appropriate and the Clerk be requested to try to secure temporary cover for the new play area.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr R Foster asked a number of questions and the Chairman replied as follows:-

The Transfer of Licence for the Beconsall Hotel was as reported at the last meeting; he did not know about a meeting in Tarleton on the subject of Recreation & Amenities and the replacement of the glass in the Station Road/Rankin Avenue shelter was in hand.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

A. No 08/90/0422 - O/L 2 detached dwellings etc.,  
86 Chapel Road

252/89 RESOLVED:- That the Planning Department be advised that the Parish Council consider this to be an overdevelopment of the site and that permission should be limited to one true bungalow to match the adjacent property.

B. No 08/90/0437 - O/L detached bungalow etc., land  
adj. 12 Boundary Lane,

C. No 08/90/0438 - O/L erection of semi-detached  
dwelling etc., land adj. 12 Boundary Lane,

D. No 08/90/0455 - O/L 1 dwelling etc., land adj.  
143 Moss Lane,

253/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on these three applications.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee The following reports  
were considered:-

Mr L Greenwood left the meeting whilst the next application was considered.

A. No 08/89/1459 - O/L dormer bungalow etc., land  
adj. Sub-station, Boundary Lane

254/89 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council is disappointed in the report as it does not mention the previous report; that to allow building on BS3 land will set a dangerous precedent; and that an explanation is required as to why the recommendation was changed from one month to the next without any change in the circumstances.

Mr L Greenwood returned to the meeting at this point.

B. No 08/90/0327 - Detached bungalow etc., Meadow  
View, adj. Willow Farm, Boundary Meanygate

255/89 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

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

A. No 08/89/0940 - Replacement Joiner's Workshop,  
Blair Atholl, Guide Road

B. No 08/90/0116 - Extensions, 6 Norwood Avenue

C. No 08/90/0126 - Continued use of room for hair-  
dressing, 19 Silverdale

D. No 08/90/0008 - Extensions, 'Rosedale' Marsh Road

4. Application No 08/90/0340 - Extensions to existing workshop  
etc., 6 Guide Road

256/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

P. J. H.

5. Appeals

A. No 08/88/0918 - O/L detached dwelling etc.,  
adj. 202 Moss Lane

257/89 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this appeal.

B. Whelmar Appeal, Chapel Road The Chairman and Mrs M Baxter had attended this appeal and were not too optimistic about the outcome.

6. Tree Preservation Orders A letter of explanation had been received and more details of the location of the tree reported previously was required.

258/89 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk advises the District Council that the tree was located at 82 Glenpark Drive.

7. Northern Parishes New Draft Plan

259/89 RESOLVED:- That a Special Meeting of the Council be held to discuss this new draft plan; that Mr A Middlemiss of the Planning Department be requested to attend the Special Meeting and that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to make the necessary arrangements for that meeting.

8. Shell Pipeline The Chairman indicated that this part of West Lancashire was not affected by the line of the proposed pipeline.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Traffic matters

A. Shore Road The County Council had accepted Police recommendations and the Council would be notified when confirmation was received.

B. Guide Road The Chairman reported that the de-restriction signs which had been erected and then removed were not required and would not be replaced.

C. Marsh Road

260/89 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to replace the fingerpost sign at Marsh Road.

2. Bus Shelters

A. Grants for 1990/91

261/89 RESOLVED:- That a Grant for a new shelter on Shore Road be requested for this year.

B. Station Road/Moss Lane Shelter The latest position was reported to the Council and the Clerk undertook to continue to press for full payment by the vehicle's owners.

P. J. A.

3. Streetcleaning It was reported that there was a noticeable improvement already and Mr Foster had handed the Chairman a list of items which required attention.

262/89 RESOLVED:- a. That the following litter bins be reported to the District Council as requiring replacement,  
Moss Lane/Station Road  
Church Bus Stop  
Shore Road/Chapel Road Bus Stop

b. That the District Council be asked to remove the broken litter bin outside the 'Today' shop,

c. That the Chairman be requested to ask the District Council about new litter bins for the Recreation Ground Play Area and the new Play Area,

d. That the Chairman be authorised to take action in respect of the water leak reported by Mr Foster,

e. That a skip be hired for four days at a cost of £25.50 to enable Mr Foster to clear away the rubble at the new Play Area,

f. That Mr M Goodier be requested to approach British Gas regarding making a contribution towards the cost of the skip.

4. Moss Lane

263/89 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to take appropriate action with regard to the water trench in Moss Lane which has subsided.

Mr S Iddon left the meeting at this point.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

A. Use by football clubs A useful meeting had been held with the Boys Football Club. The field would be spiked by the County Council, the usual grass seed would be available, the Boys FC had been given some soil and would re-seed down the middle and the Club had no objection to a Five-a-Side pitch being marked out across the width of the pitch.

The Club had written to the Council requesting use on Sunday mornings and afternoons next season.

264/89 RESOLVED:- a. That Mr L Greenwood be requested to obtain at least two prices for the required drainage work prior to the next meeting of the Council,

b. That the Clerk be requested to approach the Senior Football Club about their requirements for next season.

B. Play Area The Clerk reported that the Solicitors acting for the complainant had indicated that the matter was now regarded as having reached its conclusion.

2. Glenpark Drive Play Area The Chairman reported that the ground continually gets very 'boggy'.

265/89 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to approach Tony Holmes Landscapes for advice on this problem.

3. Area adjacent to Becconsall Hotel The equipment had been erected, the ground had been rotavated and turfed and the next requirement was for the fencing. The Chairman reported that Wicksteed's Sub-Contractors were now supplying and fixing safety surfacing cheaper than Wicksteed.

266/89 RESOLVED:- a. That quotations be obtained for a fence consisting of wooden posts and plastic coated mesh,

b. That the provision of safety surfacing be held in abeyance for the time being.

Mr P Bannister arrived during consideration of the previous item.

#### ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that the allotments were a credit to the village and that Mr A Rostron was still interested in renting a plot.

267/89 RESOLVED:- That Mr A Rostron be officially offered Plot No 16 for the current season.

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

The meeting was to be held on the 27th April 1990.

#### DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

268/89 RESOLVED:- That meetings for the next 12 months be held at 7.30pm on the following dates:-

Monday	14th May 1990	Monday	11th June 1990
Monday	9th July 1990	Monday	6th August 1990
Monday	3rd September 1990	Monday	1st October 1990
Monday	29th October 1990	Monday	26th November 1990
Wednesday	2nd January 1991	Monday	28th January 1991
Monday	25th February 1991	Monday	25th March 1991
Monday	22nd April 1991		

*P. J. Handley*  
14<sup>th</sup> May 1990.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THE 14th MAY 1990

PRESENT

Mr P Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames M Baxter; L Kershaw and D Trippier

Messrs P Bannister; L Greenwood and J Hodson

Apologies were received from Mrs J Witter; Mr M Goodier;  
Mr W Hill and Mr S Iddon

One member of the public was present.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

1/90 RESOLVED:- That Mr P J Handley be appointed Chairman of the Council for the year 1990/91.

Mr Handley then made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

2/90 RESOLVED:- That Mrs D Trippier be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 1990/91.

MINUTES

3/90 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd April 1990 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Good Neighbour Scheme A copy of the Annual Report of the Scheme was handed to the Clerk for the Parish Council records and the Council was told that the report had been approved at the AGM of the Scheme. The Balance Sheet had not yet been approved. Mrs D Trippier was still Chairman of the Scheme.

4/90 RESOLVED:- That a Vote of Thanks be recorded to Mrs D Trippier for all the valuable work she has done for the Good Neighbour Scheme in Hesketh Bank.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. RECREATION COMMITTEE

5/90 RESOLVED:- A. That the Recreation Committee comprise of the Chairman of the Council plus 4 other members,

B. That Mrs J Witter; Mr M Goodier; Mr L Greenwood and Mr W Hill be appointed to serve on the Committee for the year 1990/91.

2. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

6/90 RESOLVED:- A. That the Allotments Committee comprise of the Chairman of the Council plus 5 other members,

B. That Mrs J Witter; Mr P Bannister; Mr L Greenwood; Mr J Hodson and Mr S Iddon be appointed to serve on the Committee for the year 1990/91.

3. FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE

7/90 RESOLVED:- That, for the time being, Mrs D Trippier and Mr J Hodson be appointed to serve on the Committee for the year 1990/91.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

8/90 RESOLVED:- That the following appointments be made for the year 1990/91:-

- a. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils (3) -  
The Chairman; The Vice-Chairman and Mrs M Baxter
- b. Parish Councils Joint Liaison Committee (1 + substitute) -  
The Chairman with The Vice-Chairman as substitute.
- 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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Leisure Services Department Information had been requested on leisure events in the Parish during the summer.

b. Council and Committee meetings The Chairman reported that, as a result of a new Act of Parliament, the constitution of Sub-Committees had to be proportional to the constitution of the Council.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

9/90 RESOLVED That the following accounts be paid:-

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|----|--|----------|
| a. | Mr J R Foster - Streetcleaning for May             | £ 469.00 |
| b. | Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd - Insurance premium | £ 126.45 |
| c. | Mr D Ward - Cleaning bus shelters (2 months)       | £ 20.00  |

P.J.H.



2. Receipts The following amounts had been received:-

- a. West Lancashire District Council - Precept £3830.00
- b. West Lancashire District Council - Concurrent  
Expenditure (1st payment) £ 606.00
- c. West Lancashire District Council - Grant 1989/90  
£3000.00

3. Donation

10/90 RESOLVED:- That a donation of £25 be made to the West Lancashire Victims' Support Scheme.

4. Annual Audit The audit would take place on the 29th June 1990 and Mrs L Kershaw agreed to have the Council's books on deposit at her house for the required period of time.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr R Foster reported that there was evidence of dry rot in the changing hut on the Recreation Ground and that one of the side windows of the hut was broken.

Mr Foster also reported that the pins in the swings required greasing and he undertook to grease them and report back to the Council if further work was required.

Mr Foster also asked about monitoring of agricultural poisoning and the Chairman reported that monitoring was underway.

#### PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists The following applications were considered:-

- a. No 08/90/0482 - Glasshouse, Greenbank Farm, Marsh Road

11/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

- b. No 08/90/0496 - Replacement of detached bungalow 6 garage including alterations to vehicular access, 390 Moss Lane

12/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

- c. No 08/90/0514 - O/L for 31 2-storey flats & wardens accomm. including new access, land between 67 & 77 Moss Lane

13/90 RESOLVED:- That the Planning Department be asked how this application will be dealt with to enable the Special Needs to remain applicable to the site in future, how the flats will be disposed of i.e. by sale or rental, how the flats will be managed and any other information available about the development and that the Department be advised that the Council feels that the pavement at this location should be widened at the expense of the developer.

- d. No 08/90/0499 - Two storey extension at side of 91 Station Road

14/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Control-Sub-Committee

Mr L Greenwood left the meeting whilst the next item was discussed.

a. No 08/89/1459 - O/L dormer bungalow etc., land adj. Sub-Station, Boundary Lane

15/90 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application

Mr L Greenwood returned to the meeting at this point.

b. No 08/90/0299 - Details for detached dwellinghouse and new access, land between 82 & 86 Moss Lane

16/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

Mr P Bannister arrived at this point in the meeting.

c. No 08/90/0148 - Change of use to Guest House & single storey extensions, Douglas Bank Farm, Becconsall Lane

17/90 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application

d. No 08/90/0422 - O/L for 2 detached dwellings, 86 Chapel Road

18/90 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application

e. Approved since the last meeting The following application had been approved since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee:-

No 08/90/0302 - Extensions at 78 Shore Road

3. Northern Parishes Draft Plan The Chairman reported that the proposed meeting with Officers of the Planning Department would be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 10th July 1990, commencing at 7.30pm.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Streetlights Mr Greenwood reported that additional lights were required in Moss Lane especially where there was no footway. The Chairman reported that application had been made for 3 additional lights in Moss Lane. The Chairman also undertook to speak to the District Council regarding the light at the junction of Moss Lane and Taylor's Meanygate.

2. Station Road The Chairman undertook to speak to the District Council's Engineer about the continuing smells in the vicinity of Alty's shop.

3. Additional bus stop

19/90 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to investigate the possibility of an additional bus stop being placed on Chapel Road, on the route to Southport, to serve the residents of Greenfield.

P.G.H.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

### 1. Recreation Ground

Football pitch and changing hut The Chairman reported that he had given permission to 2 schoolboys to use the pitch for a Charity football match. The Council also considered what action to take about the defects in the hut reported by Mr Foster.

20/90 RESOLVED:- A. That the action of the Chairman in granting permission to use the pitch for a Charity match be confirmed,

B. That the Chairman be authorised to ask Mr N Marsden to effect repairs to the changing hut.

Drainage of pitch Mr Greenwood reported that as a result of a meeting on the site with a contractor he had been advised that remedial work to the drainage would take the pitch out of use for 12 months. He suggested, therefore, that the spiking be carried out as agreed and that further works may not be possible this summer.

The Chairman agreed to ask the District Council for the name of a firm who may be able to help and the Clerk undertook to write to the firm concerned asking for advice on what action could be taken.

Mr J Hodson left the meeting at this point.

Play equipment The Chairman reported that a 12 year old girl had met with an accident on the roundabout due to 3 pieces of wood, which had been broken, being knocked out completely. The Chairman had arranged for Mr N Marsden to repair the equipment.

A letter had also been received from Russell Leisure Products who were able to supply traditional equipment as well as modern-type equipment.

21/90 RESOLVED:- A. That the action of the Chairman in authorising the repairs to the roundabout be confirmed,

B. That the letter from Russell Leisure Products be kept on file for consideration when additional play equipment is required.

### 2. Glenpark Drive

Drainage The Chairman had spoken to Mr Tony Holmes who had indicated that 3 soakaways could be cut as a temporary measure but these would become compacted through constant use of the area by children and that a more permanent solution would involve lifting the tarmac and this would be expensive. The Chairman had also asked Mr M Taylor to cut the grass and to submit a price for further cuts during the summer months.

22/90 RESOLVED:- A. That the question of the drainage of this play area be left in abeyance for the time being,

B. That the action of the Chairman in authorising the cutting of the grass and requesting a quotation for further cuts be confirmed.

P.J.H.

3. New Play Area

Fencing Mr W Hill was getting an estimate and the Clerk undertook to pass details of the proposed fence to the Planning Department as soon as they were available.

Seat Mr R Foster had brought along part of the back of the new seat which had been broken in two.

23/90 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk be authorised to take whatever action is considered appropriate to effect repairs to the seat.

Notice Board It was agreed that the notice board be placed on the new fence.

Cleaning up of area It was reported that the Gas Board had been contacted and further contact was to be made.

Provision of equipment It was agreed that the Clerk should approach the Landlord of the Becconsall Hotel about a contribution towards the cost of the equipment.

Dog signs It was agreed to leave this issue until after the fence had been erected.

4. Bowling Club It was reported that the Club would be holding a County match on the forthcoming Sunday.

ALLOTMENTS

1. Tenancy The last plot had been offered to Mr A Rostron and confirmation of his acceptance was awaited.

2. Bridge over ditch It was agreed that this would be dealt with at the time of the Annual Inspection by the Allotments Committee.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS - AREA COMMITTEE

The following report was presented:-

If the Council wished a survey on low cost housing to be undertaken, a resolution to that effect had to be passed by this Council. It was also suggested that Miss Wendy Lee be invited to speak to the Council. The recommendation for Clerk's salaries was £1 per community charge payer. Detailed accounts of election expenses could be requested. New Youth/Community Advisory Committees and Youth Forums were being established in the County. A District Council building in Ormskirk had won a Good Design competition. The Warden Call scheme could be extended to private homes at a cost of £3 per week. It was suggested that each Parish paid £5 per year towards a Centenary Fund to celebrate 100 years of Parish Councils.

24/90 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to undertake a survey on low cost housing in the Parish of Hesketh-with-Becconsall.

*P. J. Handley*  
11<sup>th</sup> June '90.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 11th JUNE 1990

PRESENT

Mr P Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames L Kershaw and D Trippier

Messrs P Bannister; M Goodier; L Greenwood;  
W Hill; J Hodson and S Iddon

Apologies were received from Mrs M Baxter and Mrs J Witter  
and three members of the public were present.

MINUTES

25/90 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May  
1990 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Committee timetable A copy had been received.

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

c. Chairman's Sunday This would be held next Sunday and  
Mrs L Kershaw would represent the Parish Council.

d. Survey of starter homes The Chairman reported that  
a survey would be undertaken in nearly every Parish and this Parish would  
be in the middle of the schedule.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils

a. National Code of Local Government Conduct A circular  
about the new code had been received and the Clerk undertook to provide  
each Councillor with a copy.

b. Training Day

Mr P Bannister arrived at the start of this item.

26/90 RESOLVED:- That Messrs P Bannister; M Goodier and L Greenwood  
be nominated to attend the Training Day on the 30th June 1990 at a cost  
of £15 each.

c. Local Charity Newsletter Two copies had been received  
and one was handed to Mrs D Trippier.

d. Local Council Review and CCL News The latest editions  
had been received.

P. J. H.

3. Lancashire Playing fields Association The Annual Report and details of the AGM had been received and passed to Mrs J Witter.

#### FINANCE

##### 1. Accounts for payment

27/90 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

A.	Mark W Taylor Esq., - Grass cutting (Verges - £69; Rec.Gd. - £78.20)	£147.20
B.	CPRE - Annual subscription	£ 12.00
C.	Mr J R Foster - Street cleaning (June)	£469.00
D.	Municipal Mutual Insurance Co - Play equipment insurance	£ 47.20
E.	North West Water - Water charges	£ 11.31
F.	Mr B W Rimmer - Clerk's salary & expenses	£337.06
G.	LAP&TC - Training day fees	£ 45.00

H. That the Clerk be authorised to pay Mr J R Foster in accordance with the terms of the Street Cleaning contract without further reference to the Council.

##### 2. Other matters

a. Victims Support Scheme A letter of thanks for the Council's donation had been received and Mrs L Kershaw, on behalf of the Vice-Chairman of the Scheme, also thanked the Council and indicated that the Scheme greatly appreciated the support received from the Parish Councils.

b. District Council finance Copies of the Revenue Estimates and Capital Programme had been received.

c. Insurance Details had now been received of the Cornhill policy and the Clerk and Chairman would look at what was offered and report to the Council in due course.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr & Mrs Rimmer spoke about the Planning Application they had lodged to lift the agricultural occupancy condition from their property which had been on the market for 12 months and only one offer, below the valuation, had been received during that time.

Mr W Hill arrived during consideration of this item.

P. J. H.

Mr J R Foster reported various hedges overgrowing the footpath and a pothole in the road outside No 66 Station Road. Mr J Hodson had already reported the hedge at No 56 Station Road to the authorities, the Chairman undertook to report the pothole and the Clerk undertook to write to the owners of the hedges at 2 Rankin Avenue and 39 Station Road.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### 1. Weekly lists

- a. No 08/90/0580 Removal of agricultural occupancy condition imposed on No 08/6/12552 - 169 Moss Lane

28/90 RESOLVED:- That the Planning Department be advised that the Parish Council support this application on the grounds that no sale has been forthcoming during the 12 months the property has been on the market.

- b. No 08/90/0590 O/L sheltered flats accommodation - 92 Station Road

29/90 RESOLVED:- That the Planning Department be advised that the Parish Council support the development in principle provided the trees which are subject to a Tree Preservation Order are retained, that the development is in keeping with the existing property on the site and that more car parking spaces are provided.

- c. No 08/90/0572 Glasshouses - Hodsons Farm, Moss Lane

30/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

- d. No 08/90/0624 Siting of residential caravans for boatowners(max.6) for temporary periods - Douglas Boatyard, Becconsall Lane

31/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

- e. No 08/90/0615 Single storey extensions - Rear of 27 Moss Lane

32/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

- f. No 08/90/0683 New vehicular access - 222 Moss Lane

33/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

- g. No 08/90/0667 Replacement joiners' workshop without compliance with condition 3 imposed on No 08/89/0940

34/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

- h. No 08/90/0670 Detached bungalow - land adj. 21A Station Road

35/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

P. J. H.

## 2. Planning Control Sub-Committee

It was reported that the meeting had been deferred for a week due to the appointment of a new Chief Executive.

36/90 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk and Vice-Chairman be authorised to look at the applications included on the agenda, when received, and take any action which they consider to be necessary.

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. HGV's on country roads The County Surveyor had now responded, through the Secretary of the Area Committee, to the various points made by Parish Councils and had indicated that insofar as this parish was concerned recognition had to be taken of the need for access to be maintained for local industries etc. It was agreed not to make any further comments on this issue.

## 2. Matters referred to the County Surveyor

a. Moss Lane Remedial works were about to commence. It was reported that they had started and that it would be impossible for water to reach the grids. The Chairman undertook to look at the situation.

b. Station Road/Shore Road The finger post sign would be replaced as soon as the observations of the Transportation Section had been received.

3. Litter bins It was reported that a number had been provided and the Chairman undertook to contact the District Council about the provision of a bin at the bus stop in Hesketh Lane which is just inside Tarleton.

4. Additional Bus Stop An additional Southport bound stop will shortly be placed on lamp column No 27 in Chapel Road.

5. Station Road/Mill Lane The Chairman had spoken to the District Council Officers who had said that they were aware of the problems.

6. Additional Bus Shelter In answer to a question from Mr S Iddon, the Chairman reported that the request was with the County Council.

7. Footpaths Mr J Hodson reported that the Ramblers Association were claiming the footpath from Cottams Farm to Moss Lane as Footpath 32 and the Clerk outlined the various stages in the process which included consultation with the Parish Council.

Mr Hodson also reported concrete posts on Footpath 38 but it was suggested that these were to stop motor cycles and other vehicles and it was agreed to take no action at the present time.

8. Bus shelter jct. Station Road/Moss Lane This was still in the hands of the Insurance Company.

P. J. A.



## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground The Senior Football Club wished to use the pitch on the same basis as last year i.e. on alternate Saturday afternoons

37/90 RESOLVED:- That the Boys Football Club and the Senior Football Club be granted the use of the football pitch on the same basis as last year.

2. Drainage of Ground A Consultant had visited the site and met the Chairman and Mr L Greenwood. He would undertake to examine the field, draw up a specification for remedial work, invite tenders and supervise the contract and make application for a Sports Council Grant for the sum of £300.00. It was suggested that the project could be completed without taking the pitch out of use. It was felt that a Sports Council Grant for a small project was unlikely and also assistance from the District Council in the form of a 'B' was not a great possibility.

38/90 RESOLVED:- A. That the offer of the Consultant be not taken up at this stage,  
B. That the two Clubs be advised of the latest position, and  
C. That the Chairman be authorised to contact the press about the availability of a field for the provision of additional playing facilities in the Parish.

3. Changing hut The Chairman had looked at the hut and decided that the job was larger than first thought. It was agreed that Mr N Marsden and Mr R Carr be requested to submit estimates for the necessary repairs.

4. Repairs to equipment An account was still awaited for these repairs.

5. Glenpark Drive Mr M Taylor had supplied a quotation for grass cutting in the sum of £8 + VAT per cut.

39/90 RESOLVED:- That the quotation of £8 + VAT per cut submitted by Mr M Taylor be accepted.

### 6. New Play Area adjacent to Becconsall Hotel

a. Fencing Mr W Hill had still not received a quotation for a fence consisting of 4ft high wooden posts and coated plastic mesh. The Chairman had received a quotation from Playtime Leisure Installations in the sum of £320.47 inc. VAT for a fence consisting of 5ft posts, over 1 metre out of the ground, with ranch type boards, 4" x 1" coated with cuprinol although the actual written quotation was not too specific.

40/90 RESOLVED:- A. That the Chairman be authorised to quantify the quotation received,  
B. That the Clerk be authorised to ascertain from the Planning Department if the two different types of fence are both acceptable,  
C. That the final quotations be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

b. Seat The firm who had erected the equipment had spoken to Wicksteeds who had undertaken to replace the broken piece of the seat and it would be repaired as soon as the replacement part had been received.

P. J. H.

c. Cleaning up The Gas Board had still not responded to the request to make a donation towards cleaning up the rubbish deposited by their contractors. The Chairman reported that the District Council, under a tidy up scheme, would provide a skip free of charge and he also reported that Mr Foster would tidy the area when the skip had been delivered.

d. Equipment The Landlord had been approached about a donation towards additional equipment and he had indicated that he would take the matter up with the brewery.

#### ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that Mr A Rostron had paid for his allotment and had started to work the plot.

#### NORTHERN PARISHES DISTRICT PLAN

It was reported that the meeting with Mr A Middlemiss on Tuesday, 10th July 1990 would be a meeting between the Council and Mr Middlemiss and not a meeting which would be open to the public.

#### 10th ANNIVERSARY OF CUBS AND SCOUTS

A proposal to plant a tree in front of the Rectory needed to be referred to the Parochial Church Council.

*P. J. Handley*  
*9<sup>th</sup> July 1990.*

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 9th JULY 1990

PRESENT:-

Mr P Handley (Chairman)

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

Messrs P Bannister; L Greenwood; M Goodier; W Hill  
and S Iddon

Apologies were received from Mr J Hodson and the Clerk  
and three members of the public were present.

MINUTES

41/90 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the  
11th June 1990 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Training Day Mr M Goodier reported on the day which had been  
attended by himself, Mr P Bannister and Mr L Greenwood. He reported that  
subjects covered included the role of Parish Councils, planning  
procedures and audit procedures with time being allocated for a  
question and answer session. All three members of this Council found the  
day very beneficial. It was suggested that an item be included on the  
next agenda to cover ' Organisation of the agenda'.

Mr W Hill arrived at this point in the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council The following were noted:-

a. Development & Amenities Committee - Ribble Hall Farm

The Committee agreed to a cessation of the use of the land and building  
for the purpose of non-agricultural storage and the owner would be requested  
to remove the offending materials and equipment.

b. Development & Amenities Committee - Village Hall

The Committee agreed a grant of £500 towards the cost of replacement  
windows.

c. Consumer Services Committee - Bus services

The Committee were being asked to give financial support towards the  
extension of an early Saturday morning service to start at Hesketh Bank  
instead of at Tarleton as at present.

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42/90 RESOLVED:- That an urgent letter be forwarded to the District Council urging the Committee to provide the necessary financial support to enable the service to commence at Hesketh Bank.

d. Director of Housing & Health - Low cost housing survey

The Director had indicated that he would endeavour to see that this Parish was dealt with as quickly as possible.

#### FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

43/90 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

Mr N Marsden - Repairs to roundabout £ 40.37

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Foster reported that a lorry had run over the footway at the junction of Newarth Lane and Sidney Avenue causing a crater and the Chairman indicated that he had the matter in hand.

#### PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/90/0712 O/L detached dwelling & garage (re-submission of No 08/88/0918) - 202 Moss Lane

44/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. No 08/90/0741 O/L detached house & garage - 86 Chapel Road

45/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/90/0717 Erection of outbuildings for stables, tack room & store - La Rochelle, Boundary Meanygate

46/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. NO 08/90/0765 Proposed Mansard roof inc. first floor extension - La Rochelle, Boundary Meanygate

47/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

e. No 08/90/0781 Details, detached house & garage etc. 208 Moss Lane

48/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

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f. No 08/90/0804F Retention of fencing at rear - 82  
Glenpark Drive

49/90 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that if the fence is to be retained it should be made more secure.

2. Planning Sub-Committee - 12th July 1990

a. No 08/90/0741 - Detached house & garage - 86 Chapel Road

50/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. No 08/90/0572 - Glasshouses - Hodson's Farm, Moss Lane

51/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/90/0309 - O/L residential development on land to west of Boundary Lane

52/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. No 08/90/0327 - Deatched bungalow at Meadow View, adj. Willow Farm, Boundary Meanygate

53/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

e. No 08/90/0340 - Extension to existing workshop to provide valeting and polishing shop, office and reception - 6 Guide Road

54/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application but that a letter be sent to the applicant indicating that the local residents would appreciate it if cars could be kept on the site and not on the road.

3. Planning Sub-Committee - 14th June 1990

It was reported that the following applications had been included on this agenda and that no comments had been made on them by the Clerk:-

a. No 08/90/0455 - O/L one dwelling, adj. 143 Moss Lane

b. No 08/90/0496 - Replacement detached bungalow & garage etc., 390 Moss Lane

c. No 08/90/0437 - O/L one detached bungalow, site to north of 12 Boundary Lane

d. No 08/90/0438 - O/L semi-detached dwelling, site to south of 12 Boundary Lane

e. No 08/90/0118 - O/L one dormer bungalow with garage, 9 Shore Road

f. Ribble Hall Farm, Shore Road - Enforcement action for cessation of use of land and building for the purposes of non-agricultural storage

The following applications had been approved since the previous meeting of the Sub-Committee:-

- a. No 08/90/0321 - 1 Rankin Avenue  
b. No 08/90/0482 - Greenbank Farm, Guide Road

*P. J. H.*

4. Planning Appeal It was reported that an appeal had been lodged in respect of No 08/89/1558 - O/L for 6 detached bungalows with new vehicular/pedestrian access, Shore Road. The appeal would be decided by written statements and the Chairman reported that the Parish Council's previous comments would be forwarded by the District Council.

5. Re-organisation of Planning Sub-Committee It was agreed to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council.

#### HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Moss Lane The Chairman had reported the state of the grids to the Highways Authority who had promised to carry out an inspection.

2. Litter Bins The Chairman had mentioned to the appropriate department the need for a litter bin to be placed at the bus shelter situated just in Tarleton at the junction of Hesketh Lane and Mill Lane.

3. Station Road A discussion was held on the smells emanating from the sewers and the road grids which is was believed were caused by the gravatation of gas in a half empty sewer pipe. It was agreed that the Technical Services Department be requested to install equipment to vent the gas and get rid of these obnoxious smells.

4. Shore Road - Parking on grass verge It was agreed to advise the Police and the Planning Department of the practice of residents in parking on the grass verges near to Glenpark Drive and, thereby, obstructing the view of vehicles coming out of Glenpark Drive.

5. Ribble Drive - Parking of commercial vehicles It was agreed that residents and Councillors should advise the Highways Authority of incidents of commercial vehicles causing an obstruction of the highway or damage to the footway.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

##### 1. Recreation Ground

a. Changing Hut An estimate for the repairs had been received from Mr N Marsden in the sum of £ 83.90 and no estimate had been received from Mr R Carr.

55/90 RESOLVED:- That the estimate of Mr N Marsden for repairs to the changing hut in the sum of £ 83.90, be accepted.

b. Football pitch The Chairman reported that he had been advised that the order for the spiking of the football pitch had been cancelled and that the County Council were looking into the matter and would advise the Chairman in due course.

##### 2. New play area

a. Fencing The following estimates had been received:-

Playtime Leisure Installations - £ 320.47 inc VAT

Mr W Hill - £ 320.00

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Mr L Greenwood agreed to obtain an estimate from Mr Webb and as no indication had yet been received from the Planning Department as to which type of fence would be acceptable, it was agreed to discuss the estimates at the next meeting of the Council.

b. Repairs to seat These were in hand.

c. Cleaning up area Mr Foster was undertaking this work in stages and a skip would not now be required.

d. Additional equipment Mr G Johnson was to raise this issue with the Brewery in the near future.

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

A meeting would be held on the 13th July 1990 and bids for Capital Schemes for 1991/92 had to be submitted by 15th September 1990.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

A meeting would be held on the 16th July 1990 when the allotments would be inspected.

*P. J. Handley*

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 6th AUGUST 1990

PRESENT:-

Mr P Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames L Kershaw; D Trippier and J Witter

Messrs M Goodier; L Greenwood; W Hill; J Hodson  
and S Iddon

Apologies were received from Mrs M Baxter and Mr P  
Bannister and 3 members of the press and public were  
present.

MINUTES

56/90 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the  
9th July 1990 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters raised under this item.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Consumer Services Sub-Committee The Sub-Committee had  
agreed to make a financial contribution towards the cost of starting an  
early morning Saturday service at Hesketh Bank instead of at Tarleton.

b. Byelaws for Pleasure grounds A copy of the proposed  
revised byelaws was noted.

2. Council for the Protection of Rural England The latest edition  
of the Countrywise Magazine had been received and was passed to Mr J Hodson.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

57/90 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Mr D Ward - Cleaning of glass bus shelters (3 months) £30.00  
b. Mrs L Kershaw - Completion of audit notice £ 1.74

2. Receipts The following amount had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council - Streetcleaning (2nd payment)  
£1443.75

3. Audit of Accounts The Clerk reported that the audit had been  
completed without any comments from the Auditor.

P. J. H.



## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster reported that he understood that there may be traces of atomic 'hotspots' in the vicinity of the River Douglas.

Mr J Hodson reported that he had been told that people had been advised not to sleep on houseboats at the local boatyard because of the possible dangers. Mr Foster agreed to pass on his information to Mrs L Kershaw who was due to meet the Medical Officer of the Atomic Energy Authority in the near future.

Mr Foster also drew attention to a gang of youths who were continually meeting around the village often behaving in a menacing manner. It was also alleged that empty alcohol cans and bottles were being deposited in the village and it was felt that the youths may be responsible for some of those empties. The Chairman undertook to speak to the local Police Officer about the problems.

Mr Foster further reported damaged kerbstones in Chapel Road and Becconsall Lane and the Chairman agreed to investigate and take action as appropriate.

## PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/90/0868 - O/L 2 dwellings & farm buildings, Hesketh Lodge, Dib Road

58/90 RESOLVED:- That consideration of this application be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

b. No 08/90/0850 - Use of 3 rooms on first floor as offices, 7/9 Station Road

59/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/90/0873 - Detached house inc. new veh/ped access, land between 82 & 86 Moss Lane

It was reported that outline permission had previously been granted for this development but that the details had been refused, one of the grounds being that the proposed house was too tall.

60/90 RESOLVED:- That no objection be made to the development but that the Planning Officer be requested to look at the height of the proposed development as opposed to the height of the adjoining properties.

d. No 08/90/0875 - Single storey domestic extension at side, 1 Newarth Lane

61/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

e. No 08/90/0926 - O/L detached house with garage and new veh/ped access, 140 Moss Lane

62/90 RESOLVED:- That consideration of this application be deferred to the next meeting of the Council and that the Chairman be authorised to borrow the plans from the District Council.

P. J. H

Mr W Hill arrived at this point in the meeting.

f. No 08/90/0915 - Conservatory/toilet extension at front, 180 Station Road

63/90 RESOLVED:- That Mr M Goodier be authorised to inspect the plans and if he feels that comments should be made, the Clerk be authorised, in consultation with the Chairman, to forward such comments to the District Council.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 9th August 1990 The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/89/1010 - Clay target shooting range & club house etc., Westgate Farm, Guide Road

The recommendation was for refusal.

64/90 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

b. No 08/90/0712 - O/L detached dwelling & garage including alteration to veh/ped access ( re-submission of No 08/88/0918)

The recommendation was for approval subject to the signing of a Section 52 agreement in respect of the use of the land for a produce merchants and haulage contractors which must be permanently discontinued.

65/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

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

A. No 08/89/1507 - O/L agricultural workers' house, Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road

B. No 08/88/0798 - Nursery greenhouse, storage/packing shed & detached bungalow, adj. Tarnacre, Boundary Meanygate

C. No 08/90/0667 - Replacement joiner's workshop, 6 Guide Road

3. Tree Preservation Order - Glenpark Drive It was reported that the District Council had ascertained that the mature tree had been felled at 82 Glenpark Drive prior to the serving of the Tree Preservation Order and no action could, therefore, be taken.

4. Northern Parishes Local Plan It was reported that the evening with the Officers of the Planning Department had proved very useful.

66/90 RESOLVED:- A. That a letter of thanks be sent to the Officers of the Planning Department for their attendance at the meeting with the Parish Council,

B. That the matter of the Council's response to the document be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

P. J. H

5. Re-organisation of Planning Control Sub-Committee

67/90 RESOLVED:- That consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

6. Removal of redundant embankment, Guide Road It was reported that various problems had arisen with the contractors engaged to remove the redundant embankment off Guide Road. These included vehicles speeding along Shore Road, near to the school, vehicles not being sheeted which resulted in excessive dust from the loads, and rubble being imported to the embankment. In addition, the contractors had been dumping materials at Hundred End. The County Planning Department and the Police had been advised of the various complaints and were taking action as appropriate.

68/90 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to verify the conditions attached to the Planning Approval and advise the County Planning Department that the problems had not yet been resolved.

7. Proposed Waste Disposal Site It was reported that an Independent Consultant was undertaking an Environmental Impact Survey as required by the European Community and that comments could not be made until a firm proposal was lodged with the Planning Authority.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Moss Lane - Grids These would be inspected in wet weather.

2. Newarth Lane/Sidney Avenue - Crater It was reported that this had been attended to.

3. Station Road/Rankin Avenue - Hedgecutting It was reported that the offending hedges had been cut and that a letter had been received from the daughter of the owner of 2 Rankin Avenue which suggested that the person responsible for reporting the matter would be better employed devoting his/her energies to more important matters.

4. Definitive Map Modification Order The Parish Council had been consulted on the claim made for the Definitive Map to be modified by the addition of a Public Footpath from Shore Road, past Cottams Farm to Moss Lane.

69/90 RESOLVED:- That this issue be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

5. Station Road Bridge - Railings The broken rails had been repaired but further rails had now been broken. In addition, the chain link fencing required more staples in the top and the additional chain link was still to be fixed on the railings.

The Chairman undertook to speak to the County Surveyor's Department about this matter and Mr W Hill offered to undertake the work to the chain link if it had not been attended to in a short time.

6. Bus shelter - Station Road/Rankin Avenue The Clerk undertook to ask the District Council to move the litter bin nearer to Rankin Avenue.

P. J. H.

7. Shore Road/Glenpark Drive - Parking It was reported that this parking was still going on and it was decided to leave it to the local Police Officer to respond to the previous concerns expressed by the Parish Council.

8. Mill Lane It was reported that Mill Lane had recently been blocked for 1½ hours by a 60ft wagon which was making a delivery to the Today shop. Mrs Kershaw had ascertained, however, that the Company concerned would not be making any further deliveries to that shop.

9. Marsh Road Mr S Iddon urged the Council to consider asking for more street lights in Marsh Road and the Chairman indicated that an application had already been made and was with the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAP&TC.

10. Glenpark Drive The owner of this property had asked if the drains at this property could be looked at and the Chairman undertook to visit the property in the near future.

11. Bus shelter - Meadow Lane The hedge was growing into this shelter and Mr Foster would look at the problem and take appropriate action.

12. Street seat - At top of Brow The Chairman undertook to ask Mr N Marsden to repair the two broken bars in this seat.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

##### 1. Recreation Ground

a. Equipment The equipment had been inspected by the Insurance Company and no defects were reported.

b. Football Pitch The Chairman reported that the order to spike the pitch had been cancelled by the County Council because of the refusal of the Parish Council to allow the pitch to be marked and used for Five-a-side football by the school. The Chairman had sorted the matter out with the County Council and the work would be done shortly.

c. School Fold hedge Mr Foster undertook to look at the hedge with the Chairman and see if he would be able to cut it back off the newly made up road. In addition, the Chairman agreed to talk to the County Council about the possibility of putting some rails in the gaps in the hedge to stop children running straight out into the road.

##### 2. New Play Area adjacent to Beconsall Hotel

a. Equipment The equipment had been inspected by the Insurance Company and no defects had been reported.

b. Fence The Planning Department had indicated a preference for a ranch type fence and it was agreed to defer consideration of this until discussions had been held with the Licensee of the Beconsall Hotel.

c. New equipment Mr G Johnson had indicated that both himself and the Brewery felt that the equipment was too far away from the premises but he was prepared to discuss the issue with representatives of the Parish Council.

70/90 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee be authorised to meet Mr G Johnson at the Hotel at 7.30pm on 13th August 1990.

d. Safety surfacing It was reported that the ground underneath the equipment was rock hard and safety surfacing was becoming a matter of urgency.

71/90 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to obtain competitive quotations for the supply and fitting of safety surfacing under the swings and the rocking horse.

#### ALLOTMENTS

1. Inspection An inspection had been undertaken by the Allotments Committee who reported that all but one of the plots were being worked. However the plot not being worked was the one which had only recently been allocated. The Committee had also inspected the gate from Mr Baxter's property and had no objection to it staying there provided Mr Baxter undertook full responsibility for any blockage occurring under the concrete bridge at that location. The Committee felt that the grass sides of the ditch adjacent to Plot 20 should be cut back in the autumn.

72/90 RESOLVED:- A. That authority be given for an order to be placed in the autumn with Mr J Farrington of Tarleton for the necessary work to the ditch adjacent to plot No 20,

B. That consideration be given at the next meeting to the Parish Council lodging a claim for ownership of the land used for the allotments.

#### 2. Application for tenancy

73/90 RESOLVED:- That Mr S Minshull's name be placed on the waiting list for allotments.

#### DISTRICT COUNCIL GRASS CUTTING

The District Council were prepared to enter into agency agreements with Parish Councils for grass cutting in their respective areas.

74/90 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council agree in principle to entering into an agency agreement with the District Council for grass cutting in the Parish subject to the detailed terms being acceptable to the Parish Council and to a list of the areas involved being supplied by the District Council at an early date.

#### STANDING ORDERS

75/90 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.

#### ORGANISATION OF AGENDA

76/90 RESOLVED:- A That this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council,

B That the offer of Mr M Goodier to edit a twice yearly Parish Newsletter be gratefully accepted.

P. J. H.

PARISH COUNCIL JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Committee had been advised of the County Council's decision to review primary education in the district and had agreed to advise the County Council that the Committee abhors the possibility of village schools being closed and urges the County Council to examine all possible alternatives before pursuing such a course of action.

The Committee had also been advised that the District Council would be prepared to enter into agency agreements with the parishes for grass cutting and street cleaning but on the basis that a parish must enter into an agreement for both activities or not at all. The Committee had agreed to ask the Development & Amenities Committee to re-consider the need for the two elements to be linked together.

Mr J Hodson and Mr S Iddon left the meeting at this point.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

77/90 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that there is likely to be a disclosure of information which is exempt by virtue of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

PLANNING MATTERS (CONTINUED)

Application No 08/90/0878F - Detached dwelling & garage inc. new veh. access, 30 Station Road

The Chairman reported on this application and read to the Council a letter from Walton Hospital.

78/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

P.G. Handley  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 1990.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 1st OCTOBER 1990

PRESENT:- Mr P Handley (Chairman)

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

Messrs L Greenwood; J Hodson and S Iddon

Apologies were received from Mr W Hill and 3 members of  
the Press and public were present.

MINUTES

104/90 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd  
September 1990 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Public Footpath - Shore Road to Moss Lane Mrs D Trippier reported  
that she had found out from Mrs E Rimmer of Moss Lane that her husband  
regularly went down this track with a tractor and from Mrs Andrew that  
it was never a public right of way but that locals had used the track and  
occupational gates had been located on the railway.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council A number of agendas had been received and  
there appeared to be no items affecting this Parish.

2. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils

(a) Local Council Review The latest edition had been received.

(b) West Lancashire Area Committee - 12th October 1990 The  
Chairman would not be able to attend and asked for his apologies to be  
presented. He also hoped that the representatives would push the Parish  
Council's bid and the item on the re-organisation of the Planning Control  
Sub-Committee of the District Council. A number of possible initiatives  
to mark the Centenary were discussed and it was agreed to wait and see  
what the County Association decided on this issue before making any firm  
decisions.

3. Training Workshop on Fundraising It was agreed to pass details  
to the Village Hall Committee.

## FINANCE

### 1. Accounts for Payment

105/90 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- |    |   |         |
|----|---|---------|
| a. | Mr N Marsden - Replacing glass at Changing hut  | £ 21.35 |
|    | Repairs to woodwork inc. new lock   | £126.81 |
| b. | Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte - Audit fee  | £ 66.71 |
| c. | Mr B Rimmer - Clerk's salary & expenses   | £344.61 |
| d. | Ormskirk Advertiser - Allotment advertisement   | £ 27.37 |
| e. | Mr J Webb - Repairs to seat   | £ 50.00 |
| f. | Mr D Ward - Cleaning bus shelters   | £ 20.00 |
| g. | Village Hall Committee - Rental and grant for Hall  | £122.00 |
|    | ( This amount was made up of £110 for rental of the hall and<br>£12 as the balance of grant available after paying the increased<br>rental charged with effect from 1st October 1990) |         |

### 2. Audit of Accounts

106/90 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council places on record its thanks to the Clerk for ensuring that the Council's accounts were acceptable to the Auditor without the need for explanations.

2. Insurance Claim The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the Council's Insurers who had indicated that they would either continue to seek restoration of the full cost of the replacement bus shelter at Station Road/Moss Lane or pay an amount of £500, the amount covered by the policy, on account with any balance between that and the total amount being paid if negotiations with the other Company proved successful.

107/90 RESOLVED:- That the Insurance Company be advised that the Council would like an immediate payment on account with any additional recompense obtained from the other Company being paid at a later date.

In the light of that decision and the problems previously experienced by the erection of a cantilever shelter, it was:-

108/90 RESOLVED:- That, on receipt of a payment from the Insurance Company, the Clerk be authorised to place an immediate order with Merseybus for the provision and erection of a 'corridor' type shelter at a cost of £778.87 + VAT. P.G. H

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Kidd reported problems caused by a coach which regularly brought students to visit the listed building at Bank Farm and which then parked at School Fold. Mrs Kidd also reported water on the road outside 168 Station Road.

Mr J R Foster reported a number of car break-ins in Sidney Avenue, youths gathering around the Spar and Today shops, and the taking of wheels off a stolen car in Marsh Road. The Chairman undertook to ask the Clerk to write to the Chief Constable about the problems in the village and the apparent shortage of Police Officers to deal with these problems.

Mr Foster also asked about common land on Hesketh Marsh and the status of the embankment. It was stated that there was no common land on the Marsh and the River Authority had a duty to maintain sea defences.



PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/90/1127 Detached dwelling & garage etc., Land adj. to 189 Moss Lane

109/90 RESOLVED:- That this application be opposed on the grounds that the site is in the Green Belt and the dwelling is not for an agricultural worker.

b. No 08/90/1153 Single storey extensions etc., 14 Charles Close

110/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/90/1161 Glasshouses and extension of pond, Land rear of 148 Moss Lane

111/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. No 08/90/0850 (Amendment) Change of use of ground floor and 3 rooms on first floor to offices and car park at rear, 7/9 Station Road

112/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

e. No 08/90/1180 Erection of detached garage, 29 Shore Road

113/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 4th October 1990

a. Planning applications

No 08/90/0930 O/L detached house & garage for agricultural worker, land adj. to 445 Moss Lane

The recommendation was for refusal.

114/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. Enforcement action

Clay pigeon shoot, Guide Road - Enforcement was being taken to prevent the shooting taking place on more than 28 days a ~~month~~ <sup>month</sup> or year P.G.H. and the period of compliance with the notice was 1 month.

c. April meeting of the Sub-Committee

It was reported that the April meeting had been brought forward by one week to the 18th April.

115/90 RESOLVED:- That the meeting of the Parish Council in April be not altered and that the Clerk and the Chairman be authorised to take any action considered appropriate to make comments on items appearing on the Planning Control Sub-Committee agenda for the 18th April 1991.

d. Approved since last meeting

The following applications had been approved:-

No 08/90/0915 - Conservatory/toilet etc., 180 Station Road

No 09/90/0670 - Detached bungalow, land adj., to 21A Station Road

No 08/90/0717 - Erection of outbuildings for stables, tack room & store, La Rochelle, Boundary Meanygate

No 08/90/0765 - Proposed Mansard roof inc. first floor extension, La Rochelle, Boundary Meanygate

No 08/90/0712 - O/L detached dwelling & Garage, 202 Moss Lane subject to Section 52 agreement

3. Northern Parishes Local Plan

The Council noted that posters advertising the recent exhibition had been placed on the Council Notice Boards.

4. Application No 08/90/0981 - Retention of pigeon cabin, Shore Road

It was noted that a statutory notice had now been served on the Council as owners of the land.

5. Shore Road/Glenpark Drive

The Planning Office had indicated that the Planning Permission only stipulated that vehicular access should not be on to Shore Road and no condition had been included regarding the provision of a turning circle. Observations had been undertaken but there was no evidence of obstruction.

6. Land adj. to Station Road Sports Field

Mrs Baxter reported that she had been approached about the Parish Council complaining about a caravan on this land. The Chairman reported that he had received a number of complaints about the presence of the caravan and had reported them to the District Council in his capacity as a District Councillor. There was no planning permission for the caravan and the owner had been asked to submit an application.

7. Hesketh Bank Boatyard

The Chairman had previously reported that planning permission had been requested for 6 caravans but the matter had not been considered by the Planning Control Sub-Committee. The owner had now written to claim established right for the caravans on the grounds they had been there for more than 4 years. The Chairman was seeking evidence on this issue and believed that only 3 caravans had been there for over 4 years.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Street cleaning and grass cutting

It had been suggested that the Parish Council would need to talk to Mr V Avery on his return from leave.

P. G. H

2. School Fold

Mrs N Hogg of Guide Road had complained about the increased speed of traffic on School Fold and the Chairman reported that several other people were also concerned. He had asked for a road hump to be provided when the work was being undertaken but was advised that it was not county policy to provide such measures. He understood that the policy had now changed.

116/90 RESOLVED:- That Mrs N Hogg be thanked for her letter of concern and that the County Surveyor be requested to consider installing a road hump on School Fold to reduce the speed of traffic using the road in the vicinity of the school.

3. Woodlea Road

It was reported that a big lake had formed in this road and that the contractor would not make up the road until the streetlights had been connected. It was agreed to leave the matter until the next meeting of the Council.

4. Streetlight at Moss Lane/Taylor's Meanygate

It was reported that this light was again not lit and the Chairman undertook to report the matter.

5. Streetlights, Marsh Road

The application for additional lights at this location was with the District Council.

6. Station Road/Moss Lane

It was reported that vehicles delivering to the Spar on this corner were blocking the view of vehicles trying to turn out of Moss Lane. It was agreed to take no action at this time but to look at the situation when the Post Office vans are no longer garaged at Moss Lane.

7. Shore Road/School Fold

The Chairman undertook to speak to Mrs Kidd about the complaints she had made earlier in the meeting.

8. Attendance of Police Office at meetings

The Chairman undertook to speak to the local officer about his future attendance at meetings.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Glenpark Drive

Mr Webb felt that about 2 tons of top soil was required to level out the site by the play equipment and Mr P Cooley was to write to the Council with options for alleviating the problem.

## 2. New Play Area, Station Road

It was reported that Childscape Ltd had intended to start work on the safety surfacing on the 24th September 1990 but bad weather had delayed their programme. The firm now hoped to start work on the 8th/9th October 1990.

The Beconsall Hotel had forwarded a cheque for £150 to the Council as a contribution towards the cost of the safety surfacing.

117/90 RESOLVED:- A. That the Directors of the Beconsall Hotel be thanked for their generous donation towards the cost of the safety surfacing,

B. That the question of fencing around the play equipment be discussed at the next meeting of the Council,

C. That Mes Trippier be authorised to obtain a price from Mr Trippier for the necessary repairs to the seat at the site.

## ALLOTMENTS

The advertisement regarding the Allotments had been printed in the Ormskirk Advertiser.

The Clerk reported that <sup>three</sup>~~two~~ tenants had still not paid their allotment rents for the forthcoming year. It was agreed to consider the matter further at the next meeting of the Council. P.G.H

## LANCS.ASSOC. OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS - AGM

118/90 RESOLVED:- That Councillors Mrs M Baxter and P Handley be appointed to represent the Council at the AGM on the 3rd November 1990.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Mrs Baxter confirmed that the usual wreath had been ordered.

P.G. Handley  
29<sup>th</sup> October 1990

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 29th OCTOBER 1990

PRESENT:- Mr P Handley (Chairman)  
Mesdames L Kershaw; D Trippier and J Witter  
Messrs P Bannister; M Goodier and W Hill  
Apologies were received from Mrs M Baxter; Mr L Greenwood;  
Mr J Hodson and Mr S Iddon.

There were two members of the press and public present.

MINUTES

119/90 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st October 1990 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments:-

Page 3 Item 2b Line 2 - 'month' should be 'year'  
Page 6 Allotments Line 3 - 'two' should be 'three'

POLICE ISSUES

Inspector D Taylor from Ormskirk and PC G Wilson attended for this item.

Inspector Taylor outlined the current policing arrangements for Hesketh Bank which involved the three community beat officers at Tarleton, Hesketh Bank and Banks with a mobile patrol vehicle providing 24 hour response cover. The demands on the Force were increasing all the time and the detached beat officers only worked for 40 hours per week. There were no plans to increase the establishment in the 3 sections of Burscough, Ormskirk and Aughton, but it was hoped to broaden the scope of cover without increasing manpower. One possibility was to base the response vehicle in the area rather than at Burscough and to ensure that the vehicle is always manned even if by the local officers. Inspector Taylor undertook to let the Parish Council know of any changes in that direction.

The Police were looking for additional Special Constables to work in the area in which they live and any help the Council could give would be most welcome. Finally, Inspector Taylor advised people to telephone Ormskirk for assistance as that Station was open for 24 hours a day and was in radio contact with all officers out on patrol.

The officers answered a number of questions and comments from the Council and indicated that the problems in Hesketh Bank were no different than other areas of the Sub-Division and better than many areas of the County; that Aughton had more incidents per officer than this area; that the local officers had met with success on a number of problems in the area; that with the flexible shift systems, there could be two officers on duty at once in the area; that additional resources could be drafted into the area if required to deal with specific major problems; that the Force operated a 'cautioning' policy in respect of first offences by Juveniles; that Neighbourhood Watch was spreading throughout the Division with one scheme being located in Chandlers Croft; and that the police need the support of the public in the form of information in order to be successful in alleviating the problems in the Parish.

The Chairman thanked the Officers for a helpful and interesting discussion.

## MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Remembrance Sunday Mrs M Baxter had sent word that the wreath would be with the Chairman in plenty of time for the ceremony on Sunday week. The Chairman suggested that as many Councillors as possible meet at the Church between 10.15 and 10.20am to enable them to follow the procession into Church.

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council Agendas There were no items affecting this Parish.

2. Landscape & Wildlife Strategy for Lancashire A copy had been received from the County Planning Officer.

## FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment There were no accounts for payment.

2. Insurance claim A cheque for £500 had been received from the Insurance Company for the shelter at the junction of Station Road and Moss Lane and an order had been placed with Merseybus.

3. Concurrent expenditure The second instalment of £605 had been received.

4. Parish estimates for 1991/92 The District Council were not requiring detailed estimates but had indicated that concurrent expenditure was likely to be £1290 for this Parish for next year.

The Parochial Accounts of the Parish Councils had been closed and the account for this Parish was overdrawn by £138.26

120/90 RESOLVED:- That the West Lancashire District Council be repaid the sum of £138.26 which the Parish Council had overdrawn on the Parochial Account.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster asked about the Government guidelines for recreation areas and whilst the Chairman did not know what the standard was, he indicated that the Parish Council felt that there was an underprovision in the Parish and Mrs D Trippier indicated that the Parish had been short for some years although Station Road was taken into account.

Mr Foster also asked about the civil engineering job on the River Douglas Sea Wall and commented that the work appeared to be finished but the public footpath was still closed. The Chairman understood that more work had been required than first anticipated and the Clerk was asked to contact the National Rivers Authority for details.

P. J. A.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists The following applications were considered:-

No 08/90/1216 O/L for one dwelling & new access, land between 41 & 43 Shore Road

121/90 RESOLVED:- That consideration of this application be deferred until full details are available.

No 08/90/1222 Reserved matters - Agricultural workers house, land adj. Brookfield Nursery, Guide Road

122/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

No 08/90/1238 One dormer bungalow with garage, land adj. Brow Farm, 9 Shore Road

123/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

No 08/90/1263 Agricultural workers' dwelling/mobile home, Marsh Bank Farm, Cabin Road

124/90 RESOLVED:- That consideration of this application be deferred until the next meeting when the plans will be available.

No 08/90/1264 Pig units, Marsh Bank Farm, Cabin Road

125/90 RESOLVED:- That consideration of this application be deferred until the next meeting when the plans will be available.

No 08/90/1287F O/L Agricultural workers' dwelling, land off Marsh Road

126/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

No 08/90/1271 Extension at rear & garage at rear, 27 School Fold

127/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

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No 08/90/0514 - O/L for 31 - 2 Storey flats and warden's accommodation inc. new vehicular/pedestrian access, land adj. Moss Lane

The Director of Development & Amenities had answered, insofar as he was able, the questions asked by the Parish Council and had recommended refusal.

128/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

No 08/89/1363 - O/L detached dwelling for horticulturalist, land north of 168 Moss Lane

The Director of Development & Amenities had recommended refusal.

129/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.



Approved since last meeting The following had been approved:-

- No 08/90/0875 Single storey domestic extension, 1 Newarth Lane  
No 08/90/0981 Retention of cabin for pigeon racing, Recreation  
Ground, Shore Road  
No 08/90/1153 Single storey extension, 14 Charles Close

Appeal determined No 08/89/1558 - O/L 6 detached bungalows, land at Shore Road. The appeal had been dismissed but the applicant had now submitted an appeal against the inclusion of the site in the Green Belt.

Appeal lodged No E90/155 - Use of land & buildings for non-agricultural storage, Ribble Hall Farm This would be dealt with by means of a Local Inquiry and the District Council had undertaken to let the Council know the date well in advance so it could be represented. The appeal was against the enforcement order which required the use of the land for that purpose to cease.

3. Northern Parishes Local Plan It was expected that that the Council would consider representations in January 1991 with a Public Inquiry arranged for Spring 1991. The Parish Council would be able to expand on its comments at that time.

#### HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Shore Road/School Fold The Chairman had spoken to Mrs Kidd who had indicated that full size buses visited the area and he had asked her to notify him when the next one arrived.

2. Footpaths

a. Boatyard to Tarleton This was currently being improved with new foundations being laid by the County Council.

b. Number 66 - Hundred End to Banks section This was still on the Definitive Map after being up for deletion at Preston. The application had been turned down by the County Council.

3. Granville Avenue The tree at the end of Granville Avenue by Sidney Avenue was in a dangerous state. It was overhanging No 99 Sidney Avenue and branches were breaking off. The Chairman agreed to look at the tree and contact the Tree lady at Ormskirk if appropriate.

4. Bus Shelter - Methodist Church The Chairman reported that the shelter had been replaced. Mr Marsden had repaired a number of boards and shortened the roof overhang.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. New Play Area

a. Safety surfacing The concrete had been laid and the safety surfacing laid under the swings. Work was still continuing under the rocking horse and had to be done under sid shark. It was understood that dry weather was required to lay the surfacing.

b. Fencing It was agreed to leave this until the surfacing had been completed and the estimates for next year prepared.

P. J. A.