

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
14th 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.

APPONTMENT 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 |

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
11th 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
9th 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.

P. J. H.

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.

P.J.H.

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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16 August 1990

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
3rd 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:-

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| 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
£12 as the balance of grant available after paying the increased
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~~ ^{month} 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 ^{three} ~~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
29th 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.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 1st November 1990

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.

c. Repairs to seat Mrs Trippier reported that Mr S Trippier was very busy and had not been able to start the repairs. The Chairman had received an offer from a resident of Rankin Avenue for a metal seat to be welded onto the frame.

130/90 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to negotiate a price with Mr Baldwin of Rankin Avenue for the repair of the seat using metal in place of wood and accept the quotation if it appears to be reasonable.

ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that Mr S Ball had now paid and the Clerk undertook to write to the two outstanding tenants to ascertain their intentions regarding the next growing season.

The question of cleaning the ditch adjacent to Plot 20 was raised.

131/90 RESOLVED:- That Mr P Bannister be authorised to ascertain if it is convenient to clean the ditch and the Chairman be authorised to place an order with Mr Farrington of Tarleton when appropriate.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND PARISH COUNCILS

The Clerk reported that Mr V Avery was working out the possible amount available to the Parish Council for grounds maintenance whilst the Head of Administration and Committee Services had indicated to Parish Councils that the District Council would be prepared to lease land to the Parish Councils for a period of 99 years at a peppercorn rent. P. J. H.

132/90 RESOLVED:- That the County Branch of the Parish Council's Association be asked to advise the Council of the implications of the decision of the District Council.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

1. Area Committee It was reported that subject to the approval of the District Council and to Government financial restrictions, the Parish Council had been allocated £5000 for additional play equipment in the Parish. The Leader of the District Council had indicated that the grants for 1991/92 would be likely to be cut and possibly phased out altogether in 1992/93.

On the proposition of this Council that two Planning Committees be established, the meeting had not supported the idea and the Leader of the District Council had said that the District Council had to take decisions in a different light to Parish Councils and needed to take a consistent view throughout the District. He did agree, however, that there was possibly some need for the District Council to take more notice of the views expressed by Parish Councils.

The Victims' Support Scheme had started a '100 Club' to raise additional funds and it had been suggested that Parish Councils should be looking to grant aid the VSS an amount of £40 - £50 per annum.

2. AGM of Association

133/90 RESOLVED:- That the Council's two representatives at the meeting be authorised to vote on the various resolutions in the light of the debates on those issues.

26th November 1990.

P. J. Handley

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 26th NOVEMBER 1990

PRESENT:-

Mr P Handley (Chairman)

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

Messrs P Bannister; L Greenwood and W Hill

Apologies were received from Mr M Goodier and Mr J Hodson

Two members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

134/90 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th October 1990 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to the word 'fp' on page 5, being amended to read 'to'.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Police issues A letter had been received from Assistant Chief Constable D McNamara which indicated that PC G Wilson would be attending all future meetings of the Council and the Police would endeavour to give the best possible attention to any problem in the village. It was also reported that the Christian Fellowship were inviting the young people of the village to attend their premises.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council Copies of Agendas and Minutes had been received.
2. Community Council of Lancashire The following had been received:-
 - a. The latest edition of CCL News
 - b. 2 copies of the 'Local Charity' Newsletter
 - c. The Annual Report of the CCL
 - d. Notification of a Training Day for Clerks & Councillors at Barton Grange Hotel on 1st December 1990
 - e. A questionnaire about Village Events in Lancashire
3. Council for the Protection of Rural England A copy of the 1989/90 Annual Report of the Lancashire Branch for had been received.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

135/90 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Mark W Taylor - Grasscutting (Recreation Ground & Glenpark Drive - £87.40; Verges - £69) £ 156.40
- b. Mr N Marsden - Repairs to bus shelter(Chapel Road) £ 127.23
- c. Royal British Legion - Wreath £ 10.00

- d. Childscape Ltd., - Safety surfacing (New play area)
£1531.63

(The Council confirmed the action of the Clerk and Chairman in authorising payment of this account in advance of this meeting)

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council - Street cleansing -
Third quarterly payment £1443.75

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster asked what amount of land in the Parish was being compulsory privatised in the next few years for new roads or low cost housing. He intimated that other parishes were against this practice.

The Chairman replied that land could be compulsorily purchased for road building but he felt that no land in Hesketh Bank would be affected. With regard to low cost housing, it was not possible to take land by compulsory purchase for such use and low cost housing would usually be provided by a Housing Association. P.J.H.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/90/1330 Removal of agricultural occupancy restriction, (08/76/0636) & (08/80/1266), 140 Moss Lane

136/90 RESOLVED:- That, the District Council be asked to look carefully at this application on the grounds that the dwelling would not have been built but for agricultural usage, that the Green Belt boundary had now been changed and that some of the conditions pertaining at the time of the approvals may still be relevant.

b. No 08/90/1351 Erection of detached dwelling & garage, land adj. to 12 Boundary Lane

137/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/90/1367 Garage extension to side elevation, Jumps Farm, Station Road

138/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. No 08/90/1397F O/L agricultural workers' dwelling inc. alterations to access, land adj. 184 Moss Lane

139/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

Mr W Hill left the meeting at this time.

e. No 08/90/1405 Change of use from haulage yard to storage & sales of horticultural sundries, 109 Chapel Road

140/90 RESOLVED:- That this application be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - Thursday, 29th November 1990

The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/90/1058 O/L one detached agricultural workers' dwelling Pear Tree Farm, Moss Lane - The recommendation was for refusal.

141/90 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

b. No 08/90/1216 O/L one dwelling and new access, land between Nos 41 & 43 Shore Road. The recommendation was for approval.

142/90 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/90/1222 Reserved matters, Agricultural workers' dwelling house & new access, land adj. Brookfield Nurseries, Guide Road The recommendation was for approval.

143/90 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

d. No 08/90/1271 Part single/part two storey domestic extension at rear & detached garage at rear, 27 School Fold. The recommendation was for approval.

144/90 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

Mr W Hill returned to the meeting at this time.

3. Other applications The following were considered:-

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

145/90 RESOLVED:- That it be suggested to the District Council that residential use should not be permitted until the pig unit has been established and that the need for two caravans, as opposed to one residential unit as is normal for agricultural use, be questioned.

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

146/90 RESOLVED:- That it be suggested to the District Council that the existing building, which forms part of this application, be improved.

4. Possible waste disposal unit The Chairman reported that as a result of the information which had been reported to the last meeting regarding the appeal to the Department of the Environment in respect of the change of use applied for at Ribble Hall Farm, he had written to Leigh Interests regarding their future proposals for this site but had not received a reply. He had contacted the Lancashire Evening Post and the Southport Visitor who had both spoken to the Company who had merely indicated that they were looking at lots of sites and no firm proposals had yet been made. Mr K Wareing of Shore Road had been collecting information regarding the site and had met with the firm, the local MP and also representatives of British Aerospace at Warton and it was agreed to invite Mr Wareing to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council to discuss this issue with the Council.

5. Other matters Reference was made to sewage sludge possibly being dumped on the Marsh and causing a smell in the area but it was indicated that it was possibly from the semi-liquid sludge going onto Alty's from Crowland Street at Southport. Mention was also made of the refusal of planning permission at the site opposite 330 Moss Lane where since the last meeting the two wagons had been replaced by an articulated vehicle. The Chairman agreed to speak to the Planning Department about this site.

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

- a. No 08/90/0850 Use of 3 rooms on first floor as offices, 7/9 Station Road
- b. No 08/90/0781 Details for detached house & garage etc., 208 Moss Lane
- c. No 08/90/1012 Detached dwelling & garage etc., adjacent to 143 Moss Lane
- d. No 08/90/1226 Conversion of part of barn to granny flat, Douglas Bank Farm, Becconsall Lane

PARISH COUNCIL ESTIMATES

147/90 RESOLVED:- That the Revised Estimates for 1990/91 and the Estimates for 1991/92 now presented be approved and that a precept of £4225 be levied on the District Council which equates to a Community Charge of £1.62.5pence per chargepayer. (Copies of the Revised Estimates and the Estimates for 1991/92 appear in the Minute Book).

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

a. Grounds maintenance The Clerk had written to the LAP&TC regarding the District Council's offer of the lease of land at a peppercorn rental and a reply was awaited.

A letter had been received from Frodsham's Grass Machinery Ltd. and a telephone call had been received from Andrew Forest of Rufford both asking about playing field maintenance for the Parish Council.

The District Council were being asked to agree to Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleaning being dealt with as one contract with a start date of 1st January 1992 and a contract period of 5 years and 3 months. It was also intended that Parish Councils should tender for both elements in the contract or not tender at all. Mr Avery had undertaken to come to speak to the Parish Council at the end of January about the proposed contract and the District Council's Officers would give the Parish Councils help in preparing the tender documents in May/June 1991.

2. Glenpark Drive Play Area The area was being cleaned by Mr Foster and Mr Taylor was cutting the grass. The area was getting a bit messy where the children run on and off the area.

148/90 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to ask Mr Webb for a price for laying a few flags on the area affected.

3. Station Road Bridge Play Area

a. Future equipment There was now some concern as to whether the Council would receive a grant from the District Council next year for the provision of more equipment at this site.

b. Safety surfacing It was noted that the statement in the Lancashire Evening Post on the 23rd November 1990 regarding the safety surfacing being provided by the Becconsall Hotel was not true and the Council noted that the Hotel only provided a donation of £150 towards the total cost of £1400.

c. Fencing of area

149/90 RESOLVED:- That the question of providing a fence around the equipment be deferred pending clarification of the grant position for next year.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. School Fold The County Surveyor had now intimated that the criteria for the provision of road humps were not met on cul-de-sacs such as School Fold. It was reported that the Governors of the School were writing to the County Council on this matter.

2. Bus shelters Merseybus had indicated that the new shelter at the corner of Station Road and Moss Lane would be erected in the second week in December and the two missing panes of glass would be replaced at the same time. Mr Jones of Merseybus was to meet the Chairman on the site later this week.

3. Shore Road It was reported that the coach only visited the area on two occasions a year and the Headteacher of the School had given the children permission to use the toilets at the School.

4. Station Road It was reported that NWWA had dug a hole in the middle of the pavement in the vicinity of the new bakery, this had been filled in and had now collapsed. The Chairman undertook to speak to the County Council about this problem.

5. The Walk

150/90 RESOLVED:- That the provision of a street light on The Walk, which was a private road but a public footpath, be included on the next list to be submitted to the LAP&TC Area Committee.

ALLOTMENTS

1. Tenancies for 1991/92 It was reported that Mr A Rostron had now paid the rental for next year but no word had been received from Mr Markendale Mr S Minshull was the only person on the waiting list at present.

151/90 RESOLVED:- That Allotment Plot No 17 be offered to Mr S Minshull on the usual terms and conditions.

2. Ditch cleaning It was reported that there would be crops on plot No 20 until December but the owner of the land on the eastern side of the ditch had cleaned out the ditch and cut the grass on both sides of the ditch. It was noted, therefore, that there was no work which needed to be done at this point of time.

LANCASHIRE ASSOC. OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chairman gave a brief report of the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

The Chairman wished all members the compliments of the season, and reminded the Council that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 2nd January 1991.

P. J. Handley 2nd January 1991.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 2ND JANUARY 1991

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

MINUTES

152/90 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the spelling of 'compulsorily' being corrected on page 2, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th November 1990, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Allotments Mrs C Minshull had accepted Plot No 17 on behalf of her husband and had paid the rental to Mr P Bannister.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council The following items were noted:-

a. Policy & Resources Committee The Committee had approved the allocations to Parish Councils as recommended by the Area Committee.

b. Low cost housing It was reported that surveys had been carried out in 3 parishes and Hesketh Bank would be included in the next batch of 4 parishes.

c. Chief Executive of District Council It was reported that Mr B Knight, the new Chief Executive, had indicated a wish to visit every parish in the district within the next three months.

2. Other matters

LAP&TC Newsletter It was agreed to put the Chairman's name forward for a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and to send for details of playground equipment from Barrowford Engineering Co. Ltd.

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

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

153/90 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	North West Water - Water charges	£ 10.50
b.	B Rimmer Esq - Clerk's salary & expenses	£ 331.24
c.	Mr D Ward - Cleaning bus shelters	£ 30.00

2. Receipts The following sum had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council - Grant for
play equipment £ 1000.00

3. Parish precept The Clerk reported that the number of community charge payers in the parish is 2544 which, on the basis of the agreed precept of £4225, would mean a charge to each chargepayer of £1.66. This was an increase of 10.67% which is the same percentage increase as the fees for the Audit of Accounts for the next financial year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Landfill tip Mr J R Foster asked if any more information was available about the proposed landfill tip as he had heard that there was a possibility of using the site as a scrap yard tip for polaris submarines. The Chairman replied that no further information was available.

Shore Road pavements Mr J R Foster reported that the pavements between the Post Office and the allotments and outside the Recreation Ground were in need of repair. It was agreed to discuss the issue during the item on 'Highways'.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/90/1422 - 2 storey domestic extension to side -
Fylde View Farm, Shore Road

154/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. No 08/90/1445 - New vehicular access - 163 Station Road

155/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/90/1465 - Bungalow, land adj. Jumps Farm, Station
Road

156/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. No 08/90/1481 - Single storey domestic extension to side/rear
169 Moss Lane

157/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

e. No 08/90/1500 - Detached house & garage inc. new vehicular/
pedestrian access - Land. adj, 143 Moss Lane

158/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

P. J. H.

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

a. No 08/90/1330 Removal of agricultural occupancy conditions on applications Nos 08/76/0636 and 08/80/1266 - 140 Moss Lane

The recommendation was for approval.

159/90 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

b. No 08/90/1161 Erection of glasshouses & retention of pond Land at rear of 148 Moss Lane

The recommendation was for approval.

160/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/90/1351 Detached dwelling and garage, Land to south of 12 Boundary Lane

The recommendation was for approval.

161/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. No 08/90/1405 Change of use from haulage yard to storage and distribution of horticultural sundries, 109 Chapel Road

The recommendation was for approval.

162/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

3. Applications approved since the last meeting

No 08/90/1238 - One dormer bungalow with garage - Adj. 9 Shore Road

4. Ribble Hall Farm The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Leigh Environmental Ltd in his capacity as a District Councillor in which it was stated that the site was one of many which was being considered and that as a result of a feasibility study the proposals may never come to fruition. If further action was to be taken then the aim would be to involve the public and local organisations at an early stage.

Mr J R Foster had received a letter from Mr K Hind MP who was opposed to the project and who would be asking the Minister for a Public Inquiry. He would also be asking the Lancashire County Council to refuse any application for a Tipping Licence for this site. He had already met the CPRE, RSPB and NCC who were all opposed to the proposal.

The Clerk was requested to invite Mr K Wareing to the next meeting of the Council and to suggest that he brought Mr Scambler with him.

5. Bank Farm, Shore Road It was agreed that the County Council be informed of the Parish Council's concern at the number of vehicles on this site which also housed a Listed Building.

6. New pylons, off Guide Road Mr S Iddon was concerned that NORWEB were apparently measuring up for new overhead power cables off Guide Road. The Chairman outlined the previous history of new supplies and suggested that no action could be taken until actual proposals were made by NORWEB.

P. J. H.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Bus shelters The new shelter at Station Road/Moss lane had now been erected and it was also reported that the broken glass had been replaced in two shelters.

163/90 RESOLVED:- That Mr D Ward be requested to clean the new shelter alongwith the other shelters.

2. Station Road It was reported that the hole in the vicinity of the new bakery had been filled in.

3. Moss Lane It was agreed that the County Council be requested to sweep the chippings off the road and footway.

4. Streetlighting

a. Marsh Road

164/90 RESOLVED That the County Council be requested to provide a highways light in Marsh Road.

b. Meadow Lane It was reported that this new light had still not been erected.

c. Moss Lane

165/90 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to repair the light at the Hundred End end of Moss Lane as a matter of urgency.

d. Repairs to streetlights

166/90 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be advised of this Council's concern at the time being taken to effect routine repairs to streetlights in the Parish.

5. Shore Road

167/90 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to undertake urgent repairs to the pavements in Shore Road as reported by Mr J R Foster in Public Participation.

6. Station Road/Mill Lane

168/90 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to undertake urgent repairs to the carriageway at this location in order to remove the lake which forms when rain falls.

BUS SERVICES

1. Preston - Southport Services The Chairman reported on action taken in the light of information received that all evening services through Hesketh Bank were to be discontinued at Christmas. In the event, the County Council had now arranged for evening services to continue as at present, with one alteration in timing, until the end of September 1991. A broadly similar level of service would operate next winter although such service may be operated by a different operator(s).

169/90 RESOLVED:- That the action taken by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk in making representations to the County Council, be confirmed and that the Chairman be thanked for all his efforts to secure evening bus services through Hesketh Bank.

P. J. H.

2. Community Bus Service The Chairman reported that Tarleton Parish Council had invited this Council and North Meols Parish Council to join with them in talks with the County Council about a possible Community Bus Service in the area.

170/90 RESOLVED That Tarleton Parish Council be advised that this Council will join in any talks with the County Council regarding a Community Bus Service in the area.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND GRASS VERGES

It was reported that the District Council had agreed the following:-

1. Separate specifications be prepared in respect of parishes who have shown an interest in undertaking this work.
2. The contracts be let for 5 years and 3 months from 1st January 1992.
3. Individual parishes be given the same opportunity as West Lancashire Contracting and outside contractors to tender for the work.
4. Recreation land which Parish Councils wish to lease will be appropriated by the District Council and held under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.
5. The Directors of Corporate Resources and Development & Amenities be authorised to take action to facilitate the transfer of the land to Parish Councils for upto 99 years at a peppercorn rental.
6. Suitable maintenance funding for the areas transferred be agreed at the time of transfer.

The National Association of Local Councils had advised caution in respect of the Parish Council taking on the responsibility for the areas of land in question as the Council would be bound to carry out all the terms of the lease however expensive that may turn out to be and the District Council would need to agree to any surrender of the lease proposed by the Parish Council.

It was agreed that further consideration be given after the visit by Mr V Avery and details of the proposed terms of the transfer of land were known.

GRASS VERGES IN CHAPEL ROAD

The County Council had now placed an official order for the cutting of the grass verges in the sum of £220.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground There were no items raised.
2. Glenpark Drive Play Area Mr Webb had not yet given the Chairman a price for the flags required at this location.
3. Station Road Play Area Members of the Council were requested to give some thought as to the further equipment required on this site. It was accepted that the fence would need to be erected as part of the works to be undertaken next year.

P. J. H.

LAP&TC - WEST LANCASHIRE AREA COMMITTEE

The agenda for the meeting had been received and the items for discussion were noted.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Clerk would not be able to attend the next meeting on Monday, 28th January 1991 and Mrs D Trippier agreed to take the notes of the meeting.

LAYFIELD CHARITY

Mrs D Trippier reported that 93 pensioners had received a small gift as a result of the money allocated to this Parish and she had received a number of letters, cards and telephone calls of thanks.

171/90 RESOLVED:- That Mrs D Trippier be thanked for all the hard work she had undertaken in distributing the Layfield Charity money in December

P. J. Handley
28th Jan. 1991.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 28TH JANUARY 1991

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

MINUTES

172/90 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd January 1991 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items under this heading.

STREET CLEANSING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

(Mr V Avery of the District Council in attendnace)

Mr Avery reported that the District Council did not wish to have the legislation but had to meet the requirements. The contracts would come into operation on 1st January 1992. With regard to the current arrangements the Parish Council would receive an increased amount for next year with about 8% being added on to this years figure.

The new Environmental Protection Act will mean extra work and the District Council has already undertaken some advance work and had prepared maps of every area. Mr Avery had brought along some maps and information sheets. All areas are zoned from 1 to 7 with zone 1 covering the busiest areas and zone 7 covering the least busy. The new system will cost more than the present arrangements. The frequency of cleaning the different areas has not been included in the information given as the amount of expenditure money is not known at the present time. A sample copy of the contract for grants was handed to the Council which the Council could study before sending representatives to Ormskirk to consult Mr Avery about this area. The District Council will prepare the specification for the parish.

In answer to questions from members, Mr Avery indicated that the contract would cover grasscutting, shrub maintenance and street cleaning; the District Council issues the tender documents to be priced by the Parish Council; the District Council is the legal authority to whom the public may complain; inflation is written into the contract using the RPM as a guide; if more work is prescribed the District Council will have to pay for it; cleansing in urban areas needs to be done more often than in rural areas; the District Council willll have a contingency fund to pay for extra one-off cleaning jobs; contractors leaving mud on the road can be forced by the District Council to remove it; the cost of transporting rubbish to tips will have to be priced and included in the tender; the Parish Council will have to price the street cleaning and grounds maintenance separately even if one Contractor is undertaking all the work; the new Act sets four different cleanliness standards; a section of the contract will be devoted to

estimating the cost of new development areas and tendering for each square metre; the cost and time of developing the new arrangements has been phenomenal; and efforts have been made to educate schoolchildren on the cost of streetcleaning in the hope that they will help to 'Keep Britain Tidy'.

Mr Avery was thanked for a most informative presentation.

POLICING MATTERS

(Supt. D Taylorson of Skelmersdale Police in attendance)

Supt. Taylorson indicated that it was 12 months since his last visit and he wished to hear if the Council had any constructive ideas to improve the police service. There is always criticism of the shortage of police officers especially where there was only one officer in a rural community like Hesketh Bank. Problems occurred when the officer was off-duty, on leave or sick with cover being provided from Burscough. Rural Beat officers are required to live in police houses which poses problems for officers who wish to purchase their own property. Since 1st January 1991, an additional 4 officers have been based at Tarleton Police Station and it is hoped that this will improve the service in the area.

In reply to various questions from members, Supt. Taylorson indicated that the recent increase in break-ins had been caused equally by local and non-local young people up to the age of 24; posters are to be displayed in the parishes on how to contact the police; 999 calls go to Hutton; the 24 hour station locally is at Ormskirk which is in radio contact with the mobile patrols; the 4 new officers at Tarleton will work shifts but will cover the off-duty times of the regular police officers in the area; there is a long list of cases awaiting processing through the Courts.

Mr M Goodier arrived at this point in the meeting.

The area of the Northern parishes will be covered by PC Baker from Tarleton, PC Wilson from Hesketh Bank, PC Carter from Banks and PC Rigby from Rufford together with the four officers recently deployed in the area who will work from Tarleton Police Station alongwith PC Baker; burglaries are on the increase in Lancashire as a whole but most thefts in West Lancashire are from motor vehicles; Burscough Police Station is not open 24 hours a day but is closed at night; a lot of admin. work has been taken away from operational officers so that they are more accessable to members of the public.

The Chairman thanked Supt. Taylorson for attending the meeting and for the up-to-date report on policing in the area.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Council noted the agendas for various Committees of the District Council and the Chairman reported that at the Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee it had been confirmed that Hesketh - with - Becconsall would receive a grant for play equipment etc. next year.

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT)

Faith in the countryside. The Parish Council had been invited to a meeting at Ormskirk on the 5th February 1991 on the invitation of the Bishop of Liverpool. It was explained that Hesketh Bank, Tarleton and Rufford were part of the Blackburn Diocese and the letter did not affect this area.

Pastoral Visit A letter from the Rev'd K Powell advised the Council that the Bishop of Burnley would be making a pastoral visit to Hesketh Bank on Thursday, 13th June 1991 and the Chairman had been invited to attend.

Green Link A letter and leaflet from the County Planning Officer were handed to Mrs M Baxter who would decide what, if anything, the Council needed to do.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

173/90 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

Merseybus - New shelter & repairs to shelters £ 1042.23

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

NORWEB - Wayleave payment £ 51.65

3. Requests for donations

174/90 RESOLVED:- That no grants be paid to the Lancashire Youth Clubs Association or the Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme.

RIBBLE HALL FARM

(Mr K Wareing, Mr Scambler, Mr R Ball Snr. and Mr R Ball Jnr. in attendance)

The Council was told that these four farmers were concerned about the situation at Ribble Hall Farm; they had met Mr K Hind MP and the Nature Conservancy Council; they had also met Leigh Environmental who had indicated that a tip would cover 350 acres with a maximum height of 100 feet; British Aerospace could not oppose a scheme until details are available; the incinerator equipment was stored in a building last June; they were told that the equipment was for various sites around the country; the provisional date for the appeal was 4th June 1991 in Ormskirk; the RSPB are very interested in any proposals; the firm may be planning a new road along one of the old banks with access in the open land between Banks village and Crossens Pumping Station; as farmers they were all opposed to the reclamation of the marsh in the first place; they oppose the siting of a tip at this location; the two Mr Balls have land in front of Ribble Hall and experienced difficulty in getting piggeries built as the land on the northern side of Shore Road was classed as an area of 'outstanding natural beauty'; the dwelling, Ribble Hall, was built when the outmarsh was reclaimed; the land was farmed for a while, then not cultivated and then was put on the market; much of the land may be set aside at £80 per acre although part is let to a tenant; grants were received for the reclamation; one day lorries and cranes arrived and the equipment was unloaded into the building; they believed that Leigh Environmental have an option on Ribble Hall.

DMG

The Chairman reported that the West Lancashire District Council had spoken to environmental people and Sefton's Chief Planning Officer was also interested in any proposals as waste would be transported through Southport to any tip established at Ribble Hall.

The farmers reported that there was a site office at Ribble Hall and a telephone number for that office was listed in the 'phone book; an environmental impact survey had been done by the firm; the site could be worth £ millions; a planning application would need to be made to West Lancashire who would pass it to Lancashire County Council for determination; efforts must be concentrated on the appeal against the enforcement order to remove the industrial equipment; as many people as possible should be encouraged to attend the appeal hearing; the situation is exacerbated following the sale of Scarisbrick Estate land in the Banks area which has passed through various hands; Leigh Environmental have stated that 200 lorry loads a day would be planned and the tip would have a life of 25 years; a tip would have a detrimental effect on the production of vegetables and salad crops; the question needs to be asked as to whether a building which has just been the subject of a Section 52 Order should have that Order removed so soon after its implementation?

It was agreed that the Parish Council will oppose the storage of industrial equipment at the Appeal hearing and oppose any application for the use of the land as a tip. The Parish Council will continue to liaise with the four farmers and exchange any information which becomes available.

The Chairman thanked the group for their attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster has been asked whether a litter bin could be placed by the bus shelter outside No 9 Shore Road.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists The following applications were considered:-
 - a. No 08/90/1513 Two blocks of dutch light greenhouses -
Aughton's Farm, 465 Moss Lane
175/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.
 - b. No 08/91/0017 Erection of 3.8m high windbreak at rear
of nursery - Rosepark Nurseries, Guide Road
176/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.
 - c. No 08/91/0031 Provision of floodlit all weather playing
surface with 12ft boundary fencing & retention of two workshops - Christian
Fellowship Centre, Moss Lane
177/90 RESOLVED:- That a decision on this application be deferred
until the next meeting of the Council.

d. No 08/91/0053 Three linked dwelling houses and alterations to access - The Delta, Chapel Road

178/90 RESOLVED:- That this application be considered at the next meeting of the Council and that the Chairman be asked to obtain the plans for that meeting.

e. No 08/91/0054 Change of use of dwelling into two self-contained flats and new access - 30 Station Road

179/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

f. No 08/91/0057 Two storey extension to side elevation including car port - 104 Moss Lane

180/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 31st January 1991

a. Applications

No 08/90/1465 Proposed bungalow, including new vehicular access - Land adj. to Jumps Farm, Station Road (Recommendation - refusal)

181/90 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

b. Approved since last meeting

No 08/90/1367 - Garage extension, Jumps Farm, Station Road

No 08/90/1422 - Domestic extension, Fylde View Farm, Shore Road

No 08/90/1481 - Domestic extension, 169 Moss Lane

3. Clay Target Shooting Range, Guide Road A letter had been received from the Planning Officer asking for residents to keep details of the use being made of the range. An appeal against the enforcement order had been lodged. It was agreed that copies of the letter be distributed to residents who had previously complained about the range.

4. Moss Lane Mrs M Baxter asked whether the stationing of produce wagons on land at Moss Lane had been reported to the Planning Dept. and if so, what was the result. It was indicated that the outcome was not known.

STANDING ORDERS

182/90 RESOLVED:- That the provisions of Standing Order No 17 be waived to enable further items of business to be dealt with at this meeting.

Mr J Hodson left the meeting at this point.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Various repairs The following were reported:-

a. Moss Lane The carriageway and footway would be swept.

b. Hundred End Lane & Taylors Meanygate The road had been strengthened due to the type of vehicles using the road and the cost of kerbing would be prohibitive.

c. Shore Road (Adj. Post Office) This would be repaired by the contractor working in the area.

d. Station Road/Mill Lane The flooding would be dealt with.

2. Streetlighting The County Surveyor had agreed that the repair service was less than satisfactory but the contractor had increased his resources and an additional crew was now available. A new lantern was required at the end of Moss Lane and this would be dealt with as a matter of urgency. The funds for improvements were limited in the next financial year and the County Surveyor could not give any commitment to improving the lighting in Marsh Road.

The Chairman reported that at the Joint Liaison Committee, other Parish Councils had complained about the repair service and it had been indicated that the District Council would be erecting lights on the waiting list at the end of March.

3. Disposal of waste - Bank Farm The Waste Disposal Officer had visited the site on the 9th January 1991 and noted that little additional material appeared to have been deposited since the last visit. The owner had indicated that the vehicles were for spare parts and he had been asked to ensure that vehicles no longer required were removed from the site as soon as possible. Enforcement action could not be taken, however, if the vehicles were not removed. The letter had been passed to the County Planning Officer. The Council noted the letter and hoped that the Planning Officer would be able to take action.

4. Provision of Bottle Bank It was suggested that the parish should have a bottle bank.

183/90 RESOLVED:- That the Village Hall Committee be approached about the possibility of siting a bottle bank on Village Hall land with all proceeds to go to Village Hall funds.

5. Bus shelter grants The County Council had asked Parish Councils if they wished to apply for grants in the current financial year.

a. Maintenance of shelters Grant was available on expenditure in excess of that included in the estimates upto a maximum of that amount. The Council had estimated for £200 to be spent but current expenditure this year was £386.75 plus shelter cleaning to the end of the year. The Council could apply for a maximum grant of £200.

184/90 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to apply for the maximum grant available at the end of the financial year.

b. New shelters Grants were available for half of the cost of new shelters approved by the County Council. It had been intended to erect a new shelter on Shore Road but it was reported that most of the money set aside for that shelter had been expended on the new shelter at Station Road/Moss Lane.

185/90 RESOLVED:- That a grant be not applied for this year but consideration be given to the erection of a new shelter early in the next financial year.

6. Public Footpaths It was asked where the public footpath along the site of the bank East of Guide Road should be located after the removal of the sand. The majority opinion was that the footpath is along the farm track and not along the top of the bank. It was thought that the owner should apply for relocation of the footpath and that one of the conditions of the planning permission was that the land should be re-instated.

REMAINING BUSINESS

186/90 RESOLVED:- That the remaining items of business be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

Dorothy M. Juppier.
Vice Chairman.

25/2/1991.

HESKETH WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 25TH FEBRUARY 1991

PRESENT:- Mrs D M Trippier (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)
Mesdames M Baxter; L Kershaw
Messrs P Bannister; M Goodier; L Greenwood;
W Hill; S Iddon

Apologies were received from Mrs J Witter and Mr P J Handley and 3 members of the Press and Public were present.

MINUTES

187/90 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th January 1991, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Green Link Mrs M Baxter reported that the Green Link related to the Leeds/Liverpool Canal Corridor and was not really relevant to this Parish.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. District Council

1. Development & Amenities Committee A Special Meeting had been held to discuss the Northern Parishes Deposit Draft Local Plan. The Committee had not discussed detailed objections but only general principles and the document would be referred to the Full Council and then go to a Public Inquiry to be held, possibly in Tarleton in June/July 1991. It was thought the Inquiry would last for 3/4 weeks. The Chairman had attended the meeting and suggested that an extension of the Ribble Way through Hesketh Bank could be achieved using existing footpaths on the Marsh. The Chairman had also stressed the need for car parking in the village and received an undertaking that the Parish Council would be included in detailed discussions on such a facility.

2. Statement of Accounts for 1989/90 A copy of the statement had been received from the District Council.

3. 1991 Register of Electors A copy of the register had been received.

Mr W Hill arrived at this point in the meeting.

b. Other Matters

1. Review of Standards of Fire Cover The County Council had completed a review and had decided that no consideration would be given at this stage to options for reductions in fire cover.

2. Best Kept Village Competition Details of the 1991 competition had been received and Messrs Bannister, Goodier and Hill undertook to consider the details of the competition and bring some recommendations as to the Council's possible involvement to the next meeting of the Council.

3. CCL News The latest edition had been received.

FINANCE

a. Accounts for Payment

188/90 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

1. Mr NMarsden - Repairs to roundabout and fixing of safety barrier at corner of playing field and School Fold	£ 35.85
2. LAP&TC - Acceptance of Office Forms	£ 5.00

b. Receipts The Clerk reported the following receipts:-

1. West Lancashire District Council - Payment for Streetcleaning	£ 1443.75
2. H M Customs & Excise - Vat refund	£ 419.00

c. Precept for 1991/92

189/90 RESOLVED:- That a Precept of £4,225 be levied on the West Lancashire District Council in accordance with the previously approved estimates.

d. Spring Conference Details had been received for the conference to be held from 19th to 21st April in Blackpool. The theme was 'The Future of Local Government' and the Chairman was considering whether he wished to attend for part of the time.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster referred to the application by the Hesketh Bank Christian Fellowship and indicated that they owned a lot of land in Tarleton. It was confirmed, however, that the proposed hard play area was situated in Hesketh Bank.

Mr Foster asked what percentage of the Poll Tax went on the storm drains and was told that they were the responsibility of the County Surveyor but it was not possible to identify what percentage was attributable to that particular item.

Mr Foster also reported that he had looked at the hollows on the Glenpark Drive Play Area and said that the water table was practically at ground level. He felt the only way to drain the area was to tap into the road drains but that would probably be expensive. He had filled the two hollows with sand and suggested that two large tyres placed on the sand and surrounded by sand would help to alleviate the problems although it would not solve the drainage problems. It was agreed to discuss this suggestion later in the meeting.

P. J. H

PLANNING MATTERS

a. Weekly Lists The following applications were considered:-

1. No 08/91/0067 Reserved matters, detached house & garage and new vehicular access - Adj. 41 & 43 Shore Road

190/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. No 08/91/0069 Part 2 storey/single storey rear extensions and front porch - 4 Guide Road

191/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

3. No 08/91/0088 Replacement dwelling & detached garage - 32 Becconsall Lane

192/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

4. No 08/91/0103 O/L agricultural worker's dwelling - Land rear of 148 Moss Lane

193/90 RESOLVED:- That the Planning Department be requested to supply clarification of the reasons behind this application as a Section 52 condition has just been lifted from a property at this address and that this Council fails to see why two agricultural dwellings are required on this site.

5. No 08/91/0154 Change of use from storage to residential & new vehicular access - 215 Chapel Road

194/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

6. No 08/91/0117 Detached bungalow with integral garage - Plot 3 Rose Gardens

195/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

7. No 08/91/0167 Conversion of house, flat & garage into 2 dwellings - 11A Shore Road

196/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

8. NO 08/91/0181 O/L detached bungalow & garage and new access - 11 Becconsall Lane

197/90 RESOLVED:- That consideration of this application be deferred until the next meeting to enable the Chairman to obtain the plans.

b. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 28th February 1991 The following applications were considered:-

1. No 08/90/1287 Agricultural worker's dwelling - Marsh Road

198/90 RESOLVED:- That whilst agreeing with the general principle involved, the Council fail to see why the applicant should be made to pay an inflated price for the existing dwelling and, therefore, support the applicant on this occasion.

P. J. H

2. No 08/90/1397 O/L Agricultural worker's dwelling inc. alterations to vehicle access - land adj. 184 Moss Lane

199/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

3. No 08/91/0017 Retention of 3.8m high windbreak at rear of nursery - Rosepark Nurseries, Guide Road

200/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

4. Appeals It was noted that the following appeals had been made:-

a. No 08/90/0327 Detached bungalow -- Meadow View, adj. Willow Farm, Boundary Meanygate (By written representations)

b. No 08/89/1010 Clay Target Shooting Range & Club House - Westgate Farm, Guide Road (By Public Inquiry)

5. Section 106 Agreements It was noted that the Development & Amenities Committee had agreed not to make Section 106 Agreements part of future Planning Approvals but to make such approvals subject to standard agricultural occupancy conditions

c. Other matters

1. Waste disposal in Hesketh Bank - Bank Farm, Shore Road

The County Planning Officer had advised this Council that there were no activities taking place which constitutes a breach of planning control or deposit of waste under the Control of Pollution Act 1974. The situation would be kept under review and further developments should be reported to the Planning Department. The correspondence had been passed to the District Planning Officer for comment.

2. Land opposite 330 Moss Lane The Clerk undertook to chase the Planning Department regarding this property.

3. Planning Appeal A letter had been received to the effect that an appeal had been lodged in respect of Application No 08/89/1363 - O/L Detached dwelling for horticulturalist, land north of 168 Moss Lane. The appeal to be dealt with by means of written representations.

4. Application No 08/91/0031 - All weather playing surface, fencing and lighting - Hesketh Bank Christian Fellowship, Moss Lane

Messrs Bannister, Goodier and Hill had visited the site to see where the proposed playing surface was to be sited and also to look at possible alternative sites. The Fellowship were seen to be providing facilities aimed at taking people off the streets of the village and would be marshalling the participants and ensuring that they were supervised whilst using the facilities. They recommended that no comments be made on this application.

201/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

5. Application No 08/91/0053 - Three linked dwelling houses etc., - 'The Delta', Chapel Road.

202/90 RESOLVED:- That the application be objected to on the grounds that the access is unsuitable and that the District Council be asked what controls they have over the size and price of starter homes as these houses appear to be of a size which first time buyers could not afford.

BUS SERVICES

Mrs M Baxter reported on a meeting between officers of the County Council and District Council and representatives of Tarleton, North Meols and Hesketh Bank Parish Councils. The majority of the discussions had centered around services in Tarleton and North Meols but this Council's representatives had thanked the officers for their efforts in arranging for night-time services to continue through the parish during the summer months.

STREET CLEANSING AND GRASS CUTTING

The Council suspended Standing Orders to allow Mr Foster to report on his meeting with the Chairman regarding the additional work required under the new Environment Protection Act. Mr Foster had looked at the proposed new specifications and had suggested that an additional 40% work was required to comply with the legislation.

203/90 RESOLVED:- 1. That discussion on the grass cutting requirement be deferred until the next meeting of the Council,

2. That the District Council be requested to increase the budget for street cleansing in this Parish by 40% for the period April to December 1991 in addition to an amount for inflation.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

a. Streetlights The light No 10 in Moss Lane had been fixed and gone out again the next day and the Clerk undertook to report the matter to the County Surveyor.

b. The Brow Mr Iddon reported that a vehicle had hit the railings at the corner of The Brow and suggested the seat sited at that point should be moved. It was agreed to consider this at the next meeting of the Council.

c. Salt container The Clerk undertook to ask the County Council why the salt container at the junction of Shore Road and Marsh Road had been removed.

d. Station Road The Clerk undertook to report again the hole by the Bread shop near to Alty's and the pool of water at the junction of Station Road and Mill Lane.

e. Footpaths The Clerk undertook to report the missing footpath signs on Footpath 40, the broken stile on the same path and that it is not possible to walk along Footpath 13 because it has been ploughed over.

f. Bus shelters Mr Hill reported that a firm in Blackpool sometimes had shelters for sale at reduced prices.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

a. Recreation Ground - Grass cutting

204/90 RESOLVED:- That Mr M Taylor be asked for a quotation for grass cutting on the Recreation Ground and the grass verges for the coming year.

R.G.H.

b. Glenpark Drive The Council discussed the suggestion by Mr Foster to alleviate the flooding on this area on the basis that it would not cure the high water table but perhaps stop water gathering on the area. Mr Hill indicated that he could obtain two large tractor tyres to assist in the solution.

205/90 RESOLVED:- That the suggestion of Mr Foster be taken up, that Mr Hill be authorised to obtain the tractor tyres as outlined at the meeting, and that Mr Hill be requested to look at possible solutions to the drainage problems at this site.

c. New area adjacent to Beconsall Hotel There were no items raised under this heading.

ALLOTMENTS

Mr Iddon asked for the name of Mr J Bibby of Tarleton to be added to the waiting list and undertook to ask Mr Bibby to make a written application to the Clerk.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

206/90 RESOLVED:- That the Annual Parish Assembly be held on Monday, 25th March 1991 at 8.00pm and that the Parish Council Meeting on that date commences at 7.00pm.

Mr W Hill left the meeting at this point.

PLANNING MATTERS (CONTINUED)

Application No 08/89/1155 - Amended description of development land between 20 & 38 Shore Road - O/L special needs/low cost housing/sheltered accommodation and new vehicular/pedestrian access

A copy of the outline plan was available and it was noted that the site was in the Green Belt in the Draft Northern Parishes District Plan.

207/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this revised application.

P. J. Handley
25th March 1991.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 25th MARCH 1991

PRESENT:- Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

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

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

Apologies were received from Mr M Goodier and 1 member
of the Press and 7 members of the public were present.

MINUTES

208/90 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 25th
February 1991 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. Acceptance of Office Forms The Clerk reported that the
new forms had been received.

b. Spring Conference The Chairman reported that he would
probably attend one of the day sessions at the Conference.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. District Council Minutes of various meetings were noted.

b. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils The next meeting
of the Area Committee would be held on the 12th April 1991.

c. District Council's Chairman's Reception This was on the
15th April 1991 and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman would attend.

d. Royal Navy Presentation Team A display was being held
this evening in Ormskirk and the Clerk had forwarded the Council's apologies
for not being able to attend.

e. Survey of Local Councils This Council had been chosen
to complete a survey into the powers and finances of Local Councils and
the Clerk had completed and returned the relevant questionnaires.

f. Graffiti Busters A new Company, an offshoot of Merseybus,
was being launched on the 26th March 1991 and the Chairman and Clerk had
accepted an invitation to attend.

FINANCE

a. Accounts for payment

209/90 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

1. North West Water - Water charges	£ 10.50
2. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils - Annual Subscription	£ 156.21
3. Municipal Mutual Insurance - Annual premium	£ 126.45
4. B Rimmer Esq - Clerk's salary & expenses	£ 329.22

b. Street cleaning contract The Chairman reported that the Council had been advised of the percentage increase to be paid by the District Council for the 9 months to the end of December 1991 but that Council was not able to advise this Council of the increase in respect of the additional work as a result of the Environment Protection Act.

The Council currently paid Mr J R Foster £460 per month plus £15 towards expenses and the Chairman suggested an interim increase of £50 per month plus an inflation increase on expenses pending notification of the amount to be allowed for increased work under the above Act. It was hoped that this interim arrangement would only be for 2 months.

210/90 RESOLVED:- That, as an interim measure pending further information from the District Council, Mr J R Foster be paid, under the terms of the Street cleaning contract, an amount of £510 per month plus £16.20 per month in respect of expenses, the payments to commence from 1st April 1991.

PLANNING MATTERS

a. Weekly lists The following applications were considered:-

1. No 08/91/0203 18'10" high antenna for private taxi business
- 18 Fairwinds Avenue

211/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. No 08/91/0209 Extensions to rear and double garage - 206
Moss Lane

212/90 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

3. No 08/91/0240 Retention of use of farm buildings for storage
in connection with furniture and carpet business - 'Lambourne', Shore
Road

213/90 RESOLVED:- That no objection be made to this application subject
to the previous conditions being observed in full.

4. No 08/91/0254 O/L detached bungalow & garage - Blandford
Cottage, Anchorage Avenue

214/90 RESOLVED:- That the Planning Officer's attention be drawn to
application No 08/89/0743, which was similar to this application, and which
was refused.

P. J. H.

b. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 29th March 1991

215/90 RESOLVED:- That the following applications be noted and no further comments be made:-

1. No 08/90/1397 O/L agricultural workers' dwelling inc. alterations to vehicular access - land adj. 184 Moss Lane (Recomm. - Refusal)
2. No 08/90/1287 O/L agricultural workers' dwelling - Marsh Road (Recomm. - Refusal)
3. No 08/91/0117 Detached bungalow & integral garage - Plot 3 Rose Gardens (Recomm. - Approval)
4. No 08/91/0053 Erection of 3 linked dwellings and alterations to access The Delta, Chapel Road (Recomm. - Refusal)
5. No 08/91/0054 Change of use of dwelling into 2 self-contained flats and alterations to existing vehicular access - 30 Station Road (Recomm. - Approval)
6. No 08/90/1263 Agricultural workers' mobile home, Marsh Bank Farm, Cabin Road (Recomm. - Refusal)
7. No 08/90/1264 Pig units, Marsh Bank Farm (Recomm. - Refusal)
8. No 08/89/1155 O/L special needs/low cost housing/sheltered accommodation & new veh./ped. access - land between 20 - 38 Shore Road (Recomm. - Refusal)
9. No 08/91/0167 Conversion of house, flat and garage into 2 dwellings - 11A Shore Road (Recomm. - Approval)

Applications approved since last meeting The following approvals were noted:-

1. No 08/90/1513 2 Blocks of dutch light greenhouses - 465 Moss Lane
2. No 08/91/0057 2 storey extension to side elevation - 104 Moss Lane
3. No 08/91/0069 Part 2 storey, part single storey rear extension and front porch - 4 Guide Road
4. No 08/91/0067 Reserved matters, detached house and garage & new vehicular access - 41-43 Shore Road

Appeals The following appeal was noted:-

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

c. Application NO 08/91/0103 O/L agricultural workers' dwelling - land rear of 148 Moss Lane

The Planning Department had indicated that there were 2 holdings at this site, one owned by Mr K.Y.Sung and one by Mr K.S.Sung and this application had been made by Mr K.S.Sung.

P. J. H.

d. Use of land opposite No 330 Moss Lane The Clerk was requested to chase the Planning Department for a response.

e. Northern Parishes District Plan It was agreed that the alterations to the plan would be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

a. Various works in the Parish

1. Station Road There had been a little settlement and the problem would be kept under review.

2. Mill Lane Corner This would be inspected during wet weather.

3. Marsh Road/Shore Road Corner This location was on a primary gritting route and there was no need for a grit bin.

b. Street lights The light at Taylors Meanygate/Moss Lane was now on.

The light on Rankin Avenue at the junction with Station Road had been without a canopy for 4 months and the Chairman indicated that he was dealing with this problem.

The Chairman had been advised that a contractor had been appointed to erect new street lights in various parishes and there would be 4 new lights in Hesketh Bank at the locations previously mentioned.

The Chairman also indicated that he was dealing with the problems caused as a result of the accident at the bottom of The Brow.

c. Best Kept Village Competition The papers were still with Mr M Goodier.

Mr W Hill arrived at this point in the meeting.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground The equipment had been inspected and no defects had been noted on the equipment on the Recreation Ground or at the new play area at Station Road Bridge. Mr W Hill was still inspecting the equipment on a weekly basis and was happy to continue to do so.

216/90 - RESOLVED:- That Mr W Hill be thanked for his continued work in inspecting the play equipment on a regular basis.

2. Grass cutting A quotation had been received from Mr M Taylor as follows:-

Recreation Ground surrounds	-	£30 per cut + VAT
Grass verges	-	£30 per cut + VAT
School Fold footpath	-	£10 per cut + VAT

217/90 RESOLVED:- That the quotation from Mr M Taylor for grass cutting in the Parish be accepted.

3. Street Cleaning and grass cutting tenders The Chairman reported that he had arranged to meet Mr D Allen to talk about the tenders for the above work on Monday, 8th April 1991 at Ormskirk at 10.30am. Mr Greenwood indicated he was available to go with the Chairman and Mrs Kershaw said she may be able to the present. The Clerk would advise the Chairman of his position over Easter.

4. Use by football clubs The Boys Football Club had complained about the increased amount of dog excrement on the pitch. It was agreed to write to the Dog Warden asking for increased attendance and advise the Boys FC of the action taken.

P. J. Handley
22ND April 1991.
