

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 22nd APRIL 1991

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

Apologies were received from The Clerk and Mas M Barber

Two members of the public were present

MINUTES

RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th March, 1991 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items under this heading.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. County Councillor Miss S R Taylor A letter had been received from Miss Taylor to the effect that she had resigned as a County Councillor and she thanked the Parish Council for the invitations she had received to attend various meetings in the Parish.

RESOLVED:- That former County Councillor Miss S R Taylor be thanked for all the work she has done on behalf of the Parish during her period as a County Councillor.

2. District Council

a. Committee Agendas There were no items to report.  
b. Chairman's Reception This was now being held this evening and this Council's apologies had been sent to the Chairman of the District Council.

c. Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee This meeting had been cancelled.

3. Lancashire Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils

a. Area Committee (22nd April 1991) Miss L Kershaw reported on the meeting when Amenity cleansing, Grass cutting and Street lighting had been discussed. The cost of elections were averaging £500 per polling station.

b. Survey of Village Services A questionnaire would be completed by the Chairman.

c. Newsletter There was nothing of interest to report.

4. Council for Protection of Rural England Two magazines had been received and would be passed on to Mr J Hodson.

5. Graffiti Busters The Chairman and Clerk had attended the launch of this Company and the Chairman reported that the treatment would be very dear. It was decided not to respond to the Company's invitation to have a demonstration in the Parish.

## FINANCE

### 1. Accounts for Payment

220/90 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Mr D Ward - Window cleaning of bus shelters £36.00
- b. All Saints PCC - Annual Grant for Old Church Burial Ground £75.00
- c. Village Hall Committee - Rental for 1991/92 £126.00  
(Including 1 meeting for Good Neighbour Scheme)
- d. Village Hall Committee - Annual Grant £52.00

221/90 RESOLVED:- That the PCC be advised of this Council's concern at sheep being allowed to graze in the grounds of the Old Church in Becconsall Lane.

### 2. Receipts

The following had been received:-

- a. West Lancashire District Council - Streetcleaning - First payment for 1991 £ 1551.67
- b. Hesketh Bank Boys FC - Rental 1990/91 - £ 20.00

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

222/90 RESOLVED:- That a donation of £25 be made to the West Lancashire Victims' Support Scheme.

4. Other matters A copy of the District Council's Annual Estimates for 1991/92 had been received.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Clay pigeon Shooting Range Mr J Jackson of Guide Road, had written to the Planning Dept. objecting to the shooting which he claims is excessive now that the first bank has been removed. He also objected to the excessive speed of vehicles on Guide Road.

2. Various matters Mr J R Foster reported a number of matters as follows:-

- a. Telegraph Pole No 10 on Shore Road by Lodge Farm has dry rot. - The Chairman would look at it.
- b. Lamp standard at entrance to H ALty in dangerous state - The Chairman would deal with it.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 20th MAY 1991

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

Three members of the press and public were present.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

1/91 RESOLVED:- That Mr P J Handley be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 1991/92.

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

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

2/91 RESOLVED:- That Mrs D M Trippier be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 1991/92.

MINUTES

3/91 RESOLVED:- That subject to the addition of Mrs M Baxter to the list of apologies for absence, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd April 1991 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Burial Ground Grant The donation had been acknowledged by the PCC and it was indicated that the proposal to let sheep graze on the land had been dropped in March following the receipt of numerous objections.

2. Victims' Support Scheme A letter of thanks had been received from the Scheme and it was reported that a street collection last weekend had realised £540 not including the amounts received in Hesketh Bank and Tarleton.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

4/91 RESOLVED:- That the following Standing Committees be appointed for the year 1991/92:-

a. Recreation Committee The Chairman and Councillors Mrs J Witter, M Goodier, L Greenwood and W Hill.

b. Allotments Committee The Chairman and Councillors Mrs J Witter, P Bannister, L Greenwood, J Hodson and S Iddon.

c. Footpaths Committee Councillors Mrs D Trippier and J Hodson

P.A.H.

5/91 RESOLVED:- That Mr W Hill be appointed Chairman of the Recreation Committee for the year 1991/92.

#### APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

6/91 RESOLVED:- That the following appointments be made for the year 1991/92:-

- a. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils (3) The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mrs M Baxter.
- b. Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee (1 + Sub) 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 Assoc. (1) Mrs J Witter
- f. Council for Protection of Rural England (1) Mr J Hodson.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council - Development & Amenities Committee

It was reported that the Committee had decided to continue the existing policy in relation to attendance at site visits in connection with planning applications. Mrs L Kershaw agreed to raise the issue at the next meeting of the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAP&TC.

2. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils

a. Local Government Review The Council had been asked to comment on the future role of Parish Councils as part of the current Local Government review.

7/91 RESOLVED:- That the Association be advised that this Council welcomes the view that Parishes should be given an enhanced role on the grounds that they are nearer to local residents and usually carry out the functions cheaper than larger councils. The Council also feels that in addition to increased functions in respect of grass cutting, street cleaning and the provision of play equipment, ways should be explored to enable Parish Councils views on planning applications to receive greater consideration.

b. Training Day - 8th June 1991 There were no members wishing to attend this day.

3. Lancashire County Council - Green Audit Details had been received.

4. Good Neighbour Scheme A copy of the Annual Report had been received.

P. J. H.

5. Hesketh Bank Bowling Club A letter had been received from the Chairman of the Club advising the Council of problems with youths in the village which may be drug-related. Mr P Bannister outlined the events which had taken place at the Club and which had resulted in the membership of certain youths being withdrawn. The youths were now congregating at various locations in the Parish including the Recreation Ground and damage had been caused to the equipment. Broken bottles had been found at the ground and the youths were speeding through the village in a convoy of cars. It was felt tht the police should be requested to utilise the additional officers allocated to this area to try to alleviate the problems and that the Sub-Divisional Commander should be invited to the next meeting to advise the Council of the action being taken. The Clerk was asked to let the Chairman of the Club know of the action being taken by the Council.

#### FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

8/91 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | Mark W Taylor Esq - Grasscutting | £ 70.50 |
| b. | CPRE - Annual Subscription       | £ 12.00 |

2. Receipts The following amounts had been received:-

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|----|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| a. | West Lancashire District Council - Precept             | £ 4225.00 |
| b. | West Lancashire District Council - Concurrent expenses | £ 645.00  |

3. Final Accounts for 1990/91 The Clerk had been asked to complete forms for the District Council in respect of the final accounts for last year.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster made the following comments:-

1. Clay shooting range - Was live ammunition for sale - It was believed not,

2. Recreation Ground - Damage had been done to the pigeon hut, the roundabout and the dog faeces recepticle - These had been reported to the police and the appropriate persons, the Dog Warden was now empowered to work evenings and would be visiting the Recreation Ground shortly,

3. Health and Safety and environmental matters - Who sets the standards - The District Council

4. Bus shelter (Bottom of Chapel Road) - The iron support required attention.

#### PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists The following were considered:-

- a. No 08/91/0410 11,000 volts overhead line - Guide Road

9/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

P. J. H.

b. No 08/91/0422 Single storey domestic extension at rear 'Milford', Guide Road

10/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/91/0441 Single storey extension at rear - 15 Granville Avenue

11/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. No 08/91/0449 Retention of residential caravan - 140 Station Road

12/91 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that this site is in the Green Belt and that there has been no agricultural or horticultural activities on this site for the 2 years the caravan has been on the site.

e. No 08/91/0474 O/L for demolition of disused farm buildings and construction of four houses including construction of vehicular access The Brow, Station Road

13/91 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to obtain the plans for the next meeting of the Council.

f. No 08/91/0475 O/L detached bungalow - land adjacent 'Shore View', Guide Road

14/91 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to obtain the plans for the next meeting of the Council.

g. No 08/91/0485 Single storey extension to front, side and rear - 67 Sidney Avenue

15/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

Mr P Bannister left the meeting at this point.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 23rd May 1991 The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/90/0868 O/L for 2 agricultural workers' dwellings and farm buildings - Hesketh Lodge, Dib Road The recommendation was for refusal.

16/91 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

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

17/91 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

c. Enforcement Action (No E91/33) - Douglas Boatyard, Becconsall Lane - Unauthorised siting of caravans - Cease use and remove vans from site within 6 months. The Chairman indicated that the Council had an obligation to house people in certain categories e.g. pensioners, people with children etc.

d. Enforcement Action (No E91/24) Land opposite 332 Moss Lane - Unauthorised use of land as haulage depot - Cease use within 1 month.

e. Determinations The following had been approved since the previous meeting:-

1. No 08/91/0209 Extensions to rear and double garage  
206 Moss Lane
2. No 08/91/0088 Replacement dwelling & detached garage  
32 Becconsall Lane

f. Appeals Lodged The following had been lodged since the previous meeting:-

1. Application No 08/89/10110 & Enforcement No E 90/4  
Clay pigeon shoot, Westgate Farm, Guide Road - To be dealt with by means of Local Inquiry.

3. Ribble Hall Farm - Appeal against Enforcement Action The Chairman reported that the appeal had not yet been withdrawn.

4. Northern parishes Local Plan Inquiry A draft programme for the first two weeks had been received together with information to the effect that the Inspector wished objectors to prepare suggested revisions to the plan for consideration at the Inquiry and that Proofs of Evidence should be forwarded to the District Council before the start of the Inquiry.

#### HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Telegraph pole No 10, Shore Road The Chairman had reported this to British Telecom.

2. Lamp standard at entrance to H Alty's The Chairman had reported this to the Street Lighting Department.

3. Slide under Coggins Welch building The Chairman had decided that no action needed to be taken by the Council.

4. Ditch adjacent to Shore Road/Chapel Road The Chairman had reported this matter to the Environmental Health Department.

5. Shore Road footways The Divisional County Surveyor would look at this problem.

6. Cropper Gardens Footways

18/91 RESOLVED:- That the Director of Housing & Health be requested to consider resurfacing these footways to enable them to be adopted.

7. Station Road Footways It was reported that the stretch from Chapel Road to The Brow was sloping towards the road and uncomfortable to walk along. The Chairman undertook to speak to the Divisional County Surveyor.

P. J. H.

8. Use of Footways by prams and wheelchairs

19/91 RESOLVED:- That Mrs L Kershaw be authorised to raise at the next meeting of the West Lancs. Area Committee of LAP&TC the question of footways being dropped at corners to facilitate the passage of prams and wheelchairs.

9. Streetlight - Orchard Close This had been lit for only 7 days in a period of 5 months. It had been reported to the Street Lighting Department.

10. Streetlight - Junction of Shore Road and Station Road The Chairman undertook to chase action on this light.

11. Tidy Up Grant

20/91 RESOLVED:- That a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs J Chadwick of Chapel Road for the work she had undertaken at School Fold/Chapel Road.

STREET CLEANING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Tenderer Appraisal Form had been completed by the Clerk and returned to the District Council.

Mr Mark Taylor was interested in quoting for the additional work required but was unable to attend this meeting.

21/91 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Mrs Witter and Mr Greenwood be authorised to visit Mr M Taylor to discuss the additional work to be included in the District Council's tender documents.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

a. Meeting with Boys Football Club The Chairman reported on the recent meeting with representatives of the Boys Football Club.

22/91 RESOLVED:- A. That the Parish Council will pay for a bag of grass seed subject to the Boys purchasing and paying for the bag and submitting the account to the Clerk for payment,

B. That the Parish Council are prepared to consider paying for the installation of an electricity supply to the hut on receipt of a written estimate to include the cost of the supply and installation of a meter,

C. That the Parish Council agree in principle to grant the Club a long lease of land for a replacement brick building subject to specimen leases being looked at by the Council and to the Council being involved in discussions regarding the replacement building.

b. Notice Boards Mr M Goodier had told the Chairman that the boards had faded and require repainting with the addition of the words 'No golf'.

23/91 RESOLVED:- That Mr W Hill be authorised to arrange for the boards to be painted as agreed.

P. J. H.

c. Play equipment & play area The roundabout had been damaged and required repairing and the edges of the slide had become pitted in places. The glass had been cleared up.

24/91 RESOLVED:- A. That the action of the Chairman in placing an order for the repair of the roundabout be confirmed,  
B. That the repainting of the slide be held in abeyance for the time being.

Mr W Hill left the meeting at this point in time.

2. Glenpark Drive It was reported that a dog had been seen running free on the area and nipping the legs of children. It was suggested that next time the dog was seen, the Dog Warden should be advised.

Messrs L Greenwood and S Iddon left the meeting at this point in time.

3. Station Road Bridge site The Recreation Committee had spoken to Mr P Cooley on the site. They suggested that cradle swings were needed. The Clerk was asked to check the requirements of the planning approval by the next meeting, especially in relation to the provision of a fence.

Mr L Greenwood returned to the meeting at this point in time.

#### BUS SHELTERS

1. Station Road/Moss Lane The Insurance Company had been unable to process the claim further and were asking if the Council had any more information.

25/91 RESOLVED:- That the Insurance Company be advised that the Council has no further information than that already supplied by the Clerk.

2. Grants 1991/92 It was suggested that members look at the various needs before the next meeting.

3. Hundred End

26/91 RESOLVED:- That Mr D Walmsley be asked to look at this shelter and repair it as necessary.

#### STANDING ORDERS

27/91 RESOLVED:- That the provisions of Standing Order No 17 be waived to enable the remaining item of business to be dealt with at this meeting.

#### FUTURE MEETINGS

28/91 RESOLVED:- That future meetings be held on the following dates:-

10th June, 8th July, 12th August, 2nd September, 30th September, 28th October, 25th November, 27th January '92, 24th February '92, 23rd March '92, 20th April '92.

10<sup>th</sup> June 1991. P. J. Handley.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 10th JUNE 1991

PRESENT:- Mr P Handley (Chairman)  
Mesdames M Baxter; L Kershaw and D Trippier  
Messrs M Goodier and W Hill  
Apologies were received from Mrs J Witter; Mr J Hodson;  
Mr L Greenwood and Mr S Iddon. 2 members of the public  
and press were present.

MINUTES

29/91 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th  
May 1991 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. LAP&TC - Local Government Review The Association had responded to the NALC and a copy of the submission would be forwarded to Parish Councils in due course.
2. Notice Boards Mr W Hill reported that this matter was in hand.

POLICE MATTERS

Inspector D Taylor was in attendance for this item.

Inspector Taylor told the Council that the police had been aware of the problems in the area and had undertaken a lot of activity in the past two weeks. He also said that Court proceedings were pending against a number of youths. Whilst it helped the police to know about incidents so that they could plan operations and put resources to good use, there were occasions when members of the public were needed to give evidence in Court as substantial evidence was needed to ensure a conviction.

Inspector Taylor answered a number of points raised by members of the Council and indicated that 2 people had been reported for motor offences and one person had been fined for a public order offence. The area was no worse than other similar areas in West Lancashire with incidents in the Northern Parishes numbering about the same as those in Burscough. He also explained the difficulties facing the police in taking action on private grounds as the permission of the owner was required due to trespass being classed as a civil and not criminal offence.

The Council were satisfied with the job being done by the local Officer who seemed to know what was happening in the village and it was felt that this was giving the residents more confidence in the police.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Taylor for attending the meeting and for the information given and felt that it was gratifying to know that the police were taking positive steps to reduce and alleviate the problems in the village.

P. J. H.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### 1. District Council

a. Agendas There were no items affecting this Parish.

b. Civic Service This would be held on Sunday 30th June 1991 and the Chairman had already received an invitation in his capacity as a District Councillor. No-one else was available to represent the Parish Council.

### 2. Other Matters

a. Age Concern - West Lancashire The AGM was to be held on Friday, 5th July 1991 at 2.00pm and Mrs D Trippier would be attending.

b. Beacon Europe This event was to be held on the 31st December 1992.

c. Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme The Annual Report had been received.

d. CCL News The latest edition was available.

e. Local Charity The latest edition of this newsletter was passed to Mrs D Trippier.

f. Lancs. Playing Fields Association The AGM had been held on Friday, 7th June 1991 and Mrs J Witter had been unable to attend.

g. Best Kept Village Competition Mr M Goodier reported that the entry had been made and judging would take place on a continual basis at the end of June and the beginning of July. A number of villagers had indicated a willingness to help to tidy up the village and the cubs and scouts would also be helping. He was to approach the school as well. A second set of posters would be ready for the next meeting of the Council.

## FINANCE

### 1. Accounts for payment

30/91 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a. Mark W Taylor - Grasscutting	£ 70.50
b. North West Water - Water charges	£ 12.55
c. Lancs. Playing Fields Assoc. - Subscription	£ 10.00

2. Annual Audit This would take place at the end of July 1991 and the Clerk would arrange with the Chairman for the books to be deposited.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster reported a number of hedges which were overhanging the footways. The Chairman undertook to look at the hedge opposite No 39 Station Road and the Clerk was asked to contact the County Council about the hedge opposite the end of Meadow Lane. It was agreed to leave the hedge at the end of Moss Lane for the time being.

P. J. H.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists The following were considered:-

a. No 08/91/0516 - Removal of agricultural occupancy condition imposed on 8/6/1172 - 17a Becconsall Lane.

(Mrs M Baxter indicated that this had been submitted by her brother).

31/91 RESOLVED:- That the removal of the agricultural condition be supported. (The Council voted 3 to 2 in favour of this resolution.)

b. No 08/91/0558 - Single storey rear extension, 21 Glenpark Drive.

32/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/91/0573 - Creation of hardstanding for the parking of one wagon, 'Holmdale', Moss Lane.

33/91 RESOLVED:- That the Council object to this application on the grounds that it is inappropriate at this location.

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

a. No 08/91/0533 - O/L for 3 detached houses and garages including new ped/veh. access, 92 Station Road. The recommendation was for approval.

It was pointed out that the District Council's policy was for no more than two houses to be served from a private drive whereas in this instance there would be two houses and all the rest home traffic using the same drive.

34/91 RESOLVED:- That the attention of the Planning Sub-Committee be drawn to the Council's policy in relation to private drives.

b. No 08/91/0181 - O/L detached bungalow & garage and new access, 11 Becconsall Lane. The recommendation was for refusal.

35/91 RESOLVED:- That no comment be made on this application.

c. No 08/91/0410 - Erection of 11,000 volt O/H line, Guide Road. The recommendation was for no comments to be made.

36/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. No 08/91/0364 - 17 detached dwellings & garages and new veh/ped. access, Plots 4-8 and 24-35, Land off Chapel Road. The recommendation was for approval. The Chairman reported that the foul sewer would drain into Chapel Road and the surface water into Newarth Lane, subject to discussion with the appropriate landowners.

37/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

e. No 08/91/0475 - O/L detached bungalow, land adj. Shore View, Guide Road. The recommendation was for approval.

38/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

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

- a. No 08/91/0353 - Single storey extension at side and rear, 92 Moss Lane
- b. No 08/91/0369 - Incorporation of land into residential curtilage & erection of boundary fence, land adj. 'Sevenoaks', 51 Shore Road
- c. No 08/91/0354 - Detached single garage & new access, 41 Shore Road

The following appeals were noted:-

- a. E90/155 - Leigh Interests PLC - Ribble Hall Farm, Shore Road  
The enforcement notice had been complied with and the appeal had been withdrawn.
- b. No 08/90/1465 - Mr A Thornton - Bungalow including new veh. access, land adj. Jumps farm, Station Road - To be dealt with by written reps.
- c. No 08/90/0327 - Mr L Cleary - Construction of detached bungalow to replace existing domestic caravan, Meadow View, adj. Willow Farm, Boundary Meanygate- Appeal dismissed.

3. Northern Parishes Local Plan - Public Inquiry The Chairman reported that the Inspector was taking questions from the floor and the part dealing with Hesketh Bank would commence on Friday morning.

4. Application No 08/91/0474 - O/L demolition of disused farm buildings & construction of four houses including veh. access, The Brow, Station Road. The applicant had submitted two alternative schemes.

39/91 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that this Parish Council supports scheme No 1.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

##### 1. Recreation Ground

a. Boys FC The Council considered a draft lease which had been supplied by the District Council.

40/91 RESOLVED:- That the draft lease be submitted to the LAP&TC for comment.

It was reported that the Boys FC had received a verbal price for the electricity supply in the sum of £210 + VAT. It was agreed to await a written estimate.

The Chairman reported difficulty in obtaining seed from the County Council and indicated that eventually half a bag had been obtained. The Club were to buy extra seed and forward the account to the Clerk for payment.

b. Play area - It was reported that Mr Foster tidied up the area about twice a week and the area was now a lot tidier. The roundabout had also been repaired and an account was awaited.

P. J. H.

2. Glenpark Drive The Chairman reported that the grass was being cut by Mark Taylor.

3. Station Road Bridge Area

a. Additional equipment The Chairman undertook to ask Mr Harrison of the Planning Department whether the condition regarding the fence had been fulfilled and ask if a further application was required for the erection of additional equipment.

b. Seat The Chairman was authorised to arrange for the seat to be repaired with metal struts.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Cropper Gardens - Footways Arrangements were in hand with Lancashire County Council to bring the footways upto adoption standard.

2. Station Road - Footways The Chairman was to deal with this matter.

3. Public Right of Way No 13 The path had been inspected on the 15th May when it was clear and easy to walk. The sign at the junction of Paths 40, 13 and 52 required the landowner's permission and the sign at the junction of Paths 8, 9 and 44 had been erected and vandalised within 24 hours.

41/91 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to place a sign at the junction of paths 40, 13 and 52 on the post where the stile used to be.

4. Moss Lane It was reported that the tarspraying had been undertaken without the bad holes being filled in.

5. Streetlights It was suggested that a light was required opposite No 313 Moss Lane and Mrs L Kershaw undertook to check if one had been requested for that location.

6. Street seat - C/O Chapel Road and Glenpark Drive The Chairman said that this had been reported to the District Council and Mr M Goodier undertook to report on the matter at the next meeting.

BUS SHELTERS AND BUS ROUTES

1. Bus shelters

a. Shore Road/Chapel Road (to Southport)

42/91 RESOLVED:- That permission be sought from the County Council for this shelter to be replaced in 1991/92 with 50% of the cost being met by the County Council.

b. Moss Lane /Station Road The bollard had been cracked and the Chairman undertook to speak to the County Council about its repair.

c. O/S Methodist Chapel

43/91 RESOLVED:- That Mr M Goodier be authorised to stain this wooden shelter with a dark stain.

d. Hundred End Mr Walmsley had been to look at this shelter

2. Bus Routes A further meeting had been held in Tarleton to discuss routes via Mere Brow but there was a possibility of a loop route being started to cover Banks, Hesketh Bank, Tarleton and Mere Brow and Skelmersdale Taxis had shown an interest. The County Council were looking at the feasibility of such a route.

### STANDING ORDERS

During consideration of the above items it was:-

44/91 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.

### STREET CLEANING AND GRASS CUTTING

#### 1. Competitive Tendering

a. Tender form The Clerk had completed a further form which the Chairman undertook to take to the District Council.

b. Grass cutting Mr Mark Taylor had been visited and had an extensive knowledge of tendering procedures. He was interested in doing the extra work on behalf of the Council and prepared to fill in the tender documents. The shrub maintenance would not pose a problem and he was prepared to notify the District Council before the various grassed areas were cut so they could be inspected when completed.

c. Street cleaning 1991 The District Council had indicated that an additional £500 had been allocated to the Parish for cleaning for the period from 1st April to 31st December 1991.

The Chairamn had spoken to the officers of the District Council and had been advised that Hesketh Bank had been treated generously last year and all parishes had been allocated the same figure as an addition for this year. He was told that the village was found to be clean and tidy when it had been visited and asked if some of the work being done was not West Lancashire's responsibility. Mr P Atherton was to meet the Chairman in the Parish this week and it was suggested that Mr J R Foster should be in attendanceto explain what work was being done. It had been suggested that the Council needed to be careful not to negotiate too large as the Council's tender would possibly be based on that figure and if it was too high then the work may go to a Private Contractor.

The Chairman undertook to report back to the next meeting of the Council.

*P. J. Handley.*  
8<sup>th</sup> June 1991.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 8th JULY 1991

PRESENT:- Mr P Handley (Chairman)

Mrs J Witter

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

Apologies were received from Mesdames M Baxter; L Kershaw  
and D Trippier and Messrs W Hill and J Hodson

One member of the public was present.

MINUTES

45/91 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th  
June 1991 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Best Kept Village Competition Mr M Goodier reported that there had  
been a lot of interest shown by the residents of the village. He understood  
that the Judges had been impressed by the cleanliness and overall feel  
of the village when they had carried out their first inspection. The  
thunderstorm last weekend had spoiled the clean up which had been arranged  
and it would now be organised for another date.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Can Banks The Clerk was asked to advise the District Council  
that the only suitable site was the Village Hall Car Park and to advise  
the Village Hall Committee of the action taken.

b. Review of Dog Byelaws Additional model byelaws for  
regulating dogs were now available and the Clerk was asked to register  
this Council's interest.

c. Agendas and Minutes

i Development & Amenities Committee Cropper Gardens  
would be brought up to adoption standard and then handed over to the County  
Council for future maintenance. The Chairman reported that the work  
included the footpath and road but not the two car parks.

ii Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee The meeting  
due to be held on the 4th July had been cancelled.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils

- a. West Lancashire Area Committee The next meeting would be held on 12th July 1991.
- b. Local Council Review The latest edition had been received.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

46/91 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- |    |                                                                |          |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| a. | B W Rimmer Esq - Clerk's salary & expenses                     | £ 409.16 |
| b. | Municipal Mutual Insurance - Annual premium for play equipment | £ 97.36  |
| c. | Mr D Walmsley - Repairs to play equipment, Glenpark Drive      | £ 28.60  |

and that the action of the Chairman and Clerk in authorising Mr D Walmsley to undertake urgent repairs to the wooden platform at Glenpark Drive be confirmed.

2. Annual Audit The books were currently on deposit at the Chairman's house.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster reported a number of matters as follows:-

a. Grids Two in Moss Lane, opposite Boundary Lane, one was blocked and the other sinking. Mr L Greenwood said that he had reported these to the Council. The Chairman undertook to look at two grids opposite Cropper Gardens which were also blocked.

b. Station Road The footpath by the Hourwatch site was getting overgrown by the hedge and the 'Dangerous Bend' sign was not able to be seen because of trees. Mr M Goodier agreed to speak to PC G Wilson about this sign.

c. Signs on lamp-posts A builder was putting advertising signs on lamp-posts some of which were causing an obstruction to the footpath. It was suggested that those causing an obstruction should be removed.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

- a. No 08/91/0622 O/L Agricultural Worker's Dwelling - Land at Marsh Road.

47/91 RESOLVED:- That the Council support this application on the same grounds as that given in respect of Application No 08/90/1287.

b. No 08/91/0657 Detached Dormer Bungalow & Garage - Land adj. 'Rosemeade', Boundary Meanygate

48/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/91/0667 Single - storey Domestic Extensions including porch - 120 Moss Lane

49/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. No 08/91/0683 Part single, Part two-storey Extension Ivydene, 193 Chapel Road. *(Mr. M. Godwin declared an interest in this application)*

50/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Committee - 11th July 1991

a. No 08/91/0254 - O/L Bungalow & garage - Land adj. Blandford Cottage, Anchorage Avenue The recommendation was for refusal.

51/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. No 08/91/0516 - Removal of Occupancy Condition imposed on 8/6/1127 - 17a Becconsall Lane The recommendation was for approval.

52/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/91/0573 - Retention of Hardstanding for Parking of One Wagon - 'Holmdale', Moss Lane The recommendation was for refusal.

53/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. No 08/91/0449 - Continuation of Use of Land for Siting of Residential Caravan - Land adj. 140 Station Road The recommendation was for refusal.

54/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

e. No 08/91/0103 - O/L Agricultural Worker's Dwelling Land rear of 148 Moss Lane The recommendation was for refusal.

55/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

f. Enforcement Action - E91/39 - 140 Station Road Use of land for siting of residential caravan. The period for compliance was six months.

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

- Guide Road  
Avenue  
Drive
1. No 08/91/0422 Single-storey extensions, Milford,
  2. No 08/91/0485 Single-storey extensions, 67 Sidney
  3. No 08/91/0558 Single-storey extensions, 21 Glenpark

h. Appeal The following appeal had been made to the Dept. of the Environment:-

NO 08/90/1287 O/L Agricultural Workers' Dwelling, Marsh Road

*AMT.*

Mr P Bannister arrived at this point in the meeting.

3. HGV's Operator's Licence The following application had been received:-

Mr E Taylor, Willow Farm, Boundary Meanygate - Increase from one vehicle to three vehicles.

56/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

4. Listed Buildings in West Lancashire A new booklet had been received.

5. Model Wording of Standard Conditions and Reasons A copy of a new booklet had been received.

6. Northern Parishes Local Plan The Chairman had attended and put the points made by the Council to the Inspector.

#### HIGHWAYS MATTERS

##### 1. Various highways matters

a. Station Road Footways Mr P Bannister undertook to look at these prior to the next meeting.

b. Street seat c/o Chapel Road and Glenpark Drive This had still not been attended to and Mr M Goodier undertook to report it again to the District Council.

c. Hedges It was reported that the hedge at Moss Lane and Station Road was alright for the time being; the Chairman would look at the hedge opposite No 39 Station Road; and Mr M Goodier would take up the question of the hedge adj 140 Station Road with the person thought to still own the land.

2. Bus Services A copy of a note of the meeting held on 6th June reported at the last meeting, had been received from the County Council.

3. Footpath Survey A detailed survey had been received from the District Council and the Chairman undertook to pass it to the Footpaths Committee.

4. Speeding on Guide Road Mr S Iddon had been approached about this problem. It was agreed that Mr Iddon would seek the views of a number of residents of Guide Road before the next meeting.

##### 5. Bus Shelters

a. Chapel Road This had now been repaired and Mr Goodier would now stain the shelter.

b. Hundred End The Chairman had spoken to Mr D Walmsley and reported that to replace the scorched boards would require  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the shelter to be dismantled. The shelter was quite solid and a 'cosmetic' job could be undertaken by lining the inside with weathered plywood, staining and putting new felt on the roof.

57/91 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to obtain prices for both methods of repair and that the Clerk and Chairman be authorised to place an order on the basis of the most appropriate method,

*Ami.*

c. Shelter by Church A schoolgirl had been caught writing on the underside of the roof. The Police had taken action by means of a caution and the girl's father had agreed to pay for the inside of the roof to be repainted. The work had been done by Mr A Marsden but an account had not yet been received.

58/91 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk and Chairman in authorising the repainting of the inside of the shelter, be confirmed.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

### 1. Recreation Ground

a. Use of football pitch Hesketh Bank AFC wished to use the pitch on a Saturday afternoon for its third team.

59/91 RESOLVED:- i That Hesketh Bank AFC be granted permission to use the pitch on a Saturday afternoon,  
ii That the Clerk be authorised to advise the Boys FC that a rental of £20 was due for their use next season and Hesketh Bank AFC that a rental of £40 was required which included £20 unpaid for last season.

### b. School Fold Hedge

60/91 RESOLVED:- That Mr P Bannister be authorised to speak to Mr H Scambler about cutting this hedge.

c. Car park Weeds were coming through the pebbles and the the area needed spraying with weed killer. Also the edges of the Glenpark Drive Play Area needed spraying.

61/91 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to approach the District Council about weedspraying in these areas.

### 2. Station Road Bridge Play Area

a. Planning It was reported that the Council had complied with the Planning Approval in respect of the fence requirements and it would appear, therefore, that only the approval of the Leisure Services Department was required for the additional equipment.

b. New Equipment It was suggested that a set of small swings together with one additional item of equipment and safety surfacing should be provided with the £5,000 grant. The Chairman undertook to ask Mr W Hill call a meeting of the Recreation Committee as soon as possible.

## ALLOTMENTS

1. Annual Inspection It was agreed to hold the Inspection on 22nd July 1991 at 7.30pm.

2. New Tenants The Clerk was asked to prepare a list of 'Dos and Donts' to give to new tenants.

## STREET CLEANING AND GRASS CUTTING

1. Tendering It was reported that tenders for the grass cutting would be requested in July/August and for street cleaning in September.

62/91 RESOLVED:- i That the Clerk and Chairman, in consultation with Mr M Taylor be authorised to complete the tender documents in respect of the grass cutting, and

ii That the Clerk and Chairman, in consultation with Mr J R Foster, be authorised to complete the tender documents in respect of the street cleaning.

## EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

63/91 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that there is liable to be a disclosure of confidential information.

## STREET CLEANING AND GRASS CUTTING (CONT)

2. Street cleaning (April - December 1991) The Chairman reported on discussions with officers of the District Council and Mr J R Foster on the work currently being undertaken by Mr Foster and the Clerk reported on the amount of finance available from the District Council and the Council's own estimates. The Officers indicated that Mr Foster was already meeting the new standards set by the Government and the Council needed to be wary of not tendering too high with the possibility of not gaining the new contract.

64/91 RESOLVED:- i That the payment to Mr J R Foster under the street cleaning contract be increased to £550.00 per month plus £16.20 expenses with effect from the 1st April 1991,

ii That the back pay of £120.00 be paid to Mr Foster alongwith the payment for July 1991,

iii That the Council offer to send Mr Foster on a weed spraying course, and

iv That the Chairman be authorised to enquire about appropriate Courses for Mr Foster to attend and report back to the next meeting of the Council.

*Dorothy M Drippier*  
*Vice Chairman.*

*12-8-1991.*

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 12th AUGUST 1991

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

Apologies were received from Mr P J Handley and 2 members of the public were present.

MINUTES

65/91 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following addition, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th July 1991 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 3 Item 1(d) Mr M Goodier declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion thereon.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Best Kept Village Competition Mr M Goodier reported that the Parish had not made the final selection but he felt it had been well worth entering as many residents had shown a great deal of pride in the village. A written report would be received from the judges in September who had indicated that they had been impressed with the overall cleanliness of the village. He also said that a clean up day would be organised for later in the year.

66/91 RESOLVED:- That the Council places on record its thanks to Mr M Goodier for all his work in co-ordinating the Parish entry to the Best Kept Village Competition and to Mr Bob Foster for all his hard work in keeping the village streets clean and litter free.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Committee agendas There were no items affecting the Parish.

b. Review of Dog Byelaws The Home Office were now prepared to sanction the extended use of dog byelaws and details had been studied by the Chairman.

67/91 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that this Parish is interested in the 'Poop scoop' Byelaw relating to pavements and ornamental grass verges adjacent to carriageways.

\* c. Leasing of Recreation Grounds It was agreed that the District Council be advised that there were no suitable areas in Hesketh Bank which this Council could lease off the District Council.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils

a. Newsletter The following items were noted:-

The National Association's response to the Government's Local Government Review and the New Tax for Local Government.

The AGM would be at County Hall, Preston on Saturday, 2nd November 1991 at 10.30am.

The Bi-ennial National Conference of Local Councillors would be held in Southport from 24th to 26th April 1992.

b. Area Committee meeting on 12th July 1991 The following were noted:-

Tenders for grass cutting had been invited and those for amenity cleaning would be invited in about 2/3 weeks time.

The Government Re-structure of Local Government would be discussed at the National Conference next year.

The Co-operative Bank provided Local Councils with free banking facilities with interest.

The response to the issues raised by this Parish:-

1. One parish councillor to attend site visits for planning applications - supported.
2. Street lighting repairs - all agreed the service was poor.
3. Lowered kerbs to facilitate wheelchairs and prams - will be looked into - this facility was being provided on new developments.

The Victims' Support Scheme was enlarging its 100 Club to a 200 Club - subscription was £10 per year and new subscribers were required

The District Council were to look at the allowance for war widows and war pensioners in respect of Poll Tax payments as at the present time no allowance was made.

Mr P Bannister arrived during consideration of the above item.

Mr W Hill arrived before the start of consideration of the next item.

3. Lancashire Family Health Services Authority The Parish Council had been consulted on a proposal to open a Doctors' Branch Surgery in Hesketh Bank. The proposal had been made by Drs Ebdy and Minshall. Dr Gulati of Hesketh Lane had spoken to the Clerk, Mrs Trippier and Mrs Kershaw and had written a letter to point out that additional facilities were not required in the area. He had spare capacity and could absorb new patients from any further housing development in the parish. Mrs Kershaw felt that there was a need for a Branch surgery in the Holmes, Mere Brow and Rufford part of the district which was underprovided at present. Also a number of questions need to be answered regarding the proposal before the Council.

68/91 RESOLVED:- That a representative of the Lancashire Family Health Services Authority be invited to attend the next meeting of the Council to explain the proposals in more detail.

4. West Lancashire Training Services This new unit was looking for work of various types. It was agreed to ask the Chairman to consider whether there was anything in the Parish which may be suitable.

#### FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

69/91 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Mr N Marsden - Repairs to roundabout & bus shelter  
£ 37.99
- b. Marsdens - Painting bus shelter  
£ 33.00

2. Receipts The following monies had been received:-

- a. Hesketh Bank Boys FC - Annual rental  
£ 20.00
- b. West Lancashire District Council - Cleaning grant  
£1801.67

3. Annual Audit The only comment made by the Auditors was that the cash book had not been signed by the Clerk & Chairman.

4. Bank Account

70/91 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to make the necessary arrangements to open a Business Reserve Account.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster reported that what looked like an industrial unit was being erected down Forty Chains Road and asked if tipping operations were taking place at that site. It was indicated that no-one had any knowledge of developemnt but that the erection of agricultural units did not require planning permission.

Mr A Johnson of Station Road reported that the bus shelter outside his house had been demolished and asked that the shelter be not replaced. He said that buses only stopped there once every other hour and it was rare for people to wait at this stop. He suggested replacing the shelter with a post plus a sign so that he could improve the appearance of the front of his house by removing the large hedge. This course of action would also improve the road safety aspect for vehicles leaving Chapel Road. Mr Johnson was also speaking on behalf of his neighbour. It was suggested by a Councillor that perhaps it would be possible to move the location of the shelter to a point at the edge of the two properties concerned. Mr Johnson indicated that this could be feasible.

Mr Foster reported that a pane of glass was missing from the bus shelter outside the Church in Station Road and the Clerk indicated that he and the Chairman were aware of this and had matters in hand.

#### PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists The following items were considered by the Council:

a. No 08/91/0721 Substitute of house types - Plots 9 - 12 and 14 - 30 Land off Chapel Road, Hesketh Bank

This item was included on the Planning Control Sub-Committee agenda.

b. No 08/91/0738 Removal of agricultural occupancy condition imposed on 8/6/14240 The Marshes, Guide Road

71/91 RESOLVED:- That the Planning Officer be advised that the Council opposes the removal of this occupancy condition, (The vote on this resolution was 3 For, 1 Against and 4 Abstained)

c. No 08/91/0725 Extension to existing building to provide storage for horticultural irrigation equipment 109 Chapel Road

72/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. No 08/91/0796 Change of use to car hire and sales and caravan sales and siting of demountable sales hire Land at rear of 12 Station Road. It was reported that this was two separate businesses.

73/91 RESOLVED:- That the Planning Officer be advised that the Council believes this site is not appropriate for industrial units which could be located on alternative land owned by the applicant.

e. No 08/91/0798 Removal of embankment and restoration of site for agricultural after use for a further period of 3 years Land East of Guide Road The Chairman had suggested a number of conditions to regularise the removal of the material by road.

74/91 RESOLVED:- That the Planning Officer be advised of the various conditions which this Council believe should be imposed on any permission granted, all conditions were designed to alleviate the problems encountered during the first three years of removing material from this and the adjacent site.

f. No 08/91/0805 Single storey kitchen/dining room extension to rear elevation 20 Newarth Lane

75/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

g. NO 08/91/0827 New roof to existing store on side elevation including new staircase to existing first floor flat 85 Station Road

76/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

h. No 08/91/0859 Removal of agricultural occupancy condition Boundary Farm. Boundary Lane, Hundred End

77/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 15th August 1991 The following items were considered:-

a. No 08/91/0622 O/L Agricultural workers' dwelling, Land at Marsh Road

78/91 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application

b. No 08/91/0254 O/L Replacemnet of bungalow & garage,  
Land adj. Blandford Cottage, Anchorage Avenue

79/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/91/0721 Substitution of house types, Plots 9 - 12  
& 14 - 30 Land off Chapel Road Mr M Goodier explained that the number  
of houses to be built on this site had been reduced from 31 to 30 and not  
increased from 27 to 30 as at first appeared to be the case. The applicants  
had submitted that there was no need for starter homes in the area and  
they now proposed to build medium to upper market units. In addition,  
by reducing the number from 31 to 30, there was now no need to provide  
public open space.

80/91 RESOLVED:- That the attention of the Planning Control Sub-Committee  
be drawn to the situation and that they be advised that this Council believes  
that permission should be given for the original 27 homes or the alternative  
proposal of 31 homes plus public open space.

Mr J Hodson left the meeting at this point.

3. Planning Appeals The following were noted:-

- a. E91/24 Enforcement in respect of use of site for parking  
of haulage vehicles etc., Land opposite 332 Moss Lane
- b. E89/217 Enforcemnet in respect of use of land and building  
for the storage of furniture & carpets 'Lambourne', Shore Road

#### ALLOTMENTS

The Allotment Committee had undertaken the Annual Inspection and reported  
that everything was satisfactory.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

- a. School Fold Hedge Mr P Bannister reported that the top  
and both sides of the hedge had been cut and an account would follow.
- b. Weedspraying It was reported that the District Council  
had looked at the car park and the Glenpark Drive Play Area and suggested  
that the long weeds be cut down before weedspray was applied. The cost  
for the treatment of the two areas was £140.

81/91 RESOLVED:- That an order be placed with West Lancashire District  
Council for weedcutting and weedspraying at the Recreation Ground Car Park  
and the Glenpark Drive Play Arae at a cost of £140.

- c. Sign It was reported that this was being done.
- d. Children's Slide It was reported that a girl had fallen  
off the slide near the bottom and grazed her knee on the concrete.

82/91 RESOLVED:- That additional safety surfacing be placed at the  
side of the bottom of the slide when safety surfacing is laid on the new  
play area at Station Road.

e. Roundabout Although the repairs had been carried out, it was reported that other planks will require repairing in the future.

83/91 RESOLVED:- That during the winter, arrangements be made for the roundabout to be dismantled, repaired and replaced.

2. Glenpark Drive Play Area The wood was beginning to look a bit tatty.

84/91 RESOLVED:- That Mr W Hill be authorised for the wood on the play equipment to be stained after the school holidays.

3. Station Road Play Area

a. New equipment The Recreation Ground had met and had recommended that a slide and baby swings be provided at this site. Hill had asked Mr P Cooley to draw a plan for the equipment.

85/91 RESOLVED:- That the suggestion of the Recreation Committee be accepted.

b. Safety standards It was reported that the safety standards were to be increased and the Clerk was requested to seek the views of the Council's Insurers on the revised standards which require an increased area of safety surfacing.

c. Horse One of the rails off the horse had been removed and placed on the seat. It was agreed to leave this rail on the seat pending the repair of the seat.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Station Road Footways Mr P Bannister reported that in his opinion the slope on the footways was not dangerous and it was agreed to take no further action at this time.

2. Seat at jct. of Chapel Road and Glenpark Drive Mr Goodier reported that the seat had been removed for repair and should be replaced within a month.

3. Hedges Mr Goodier reported that the hedge on the even side of Station Road had been cut. He had spoken to PC G Wilson about the 'Hourwatch' site hedge and it had been reported to the County Council as being a traffic hazard. The County Council would cut the hedge and re-charge when building commences.

86/91 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk officially reports the hedge to the County Council and asks for steps to be taken to ensure it is cut each year.

4. Speeding in Guide Road In the absence of Mr S Iddon, this item was deferred.

5. Bus shelters

a. Chapel Road The shelter had been repaired and Mr Goodier would now apply appropriate stain.

b. Hundred End The Chairman had not obtained a price from Mr D Walmsley and Mr Greenwood undertook to speak to Mr Walmsley and the Clerk was asked to ask Mr N Marsden for a price.

## STANDING ORDERS

87/91 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.

### 5. Bus shelters (Cont)

c. Station Road/Chapel Road The Council considered the representations made by Mr A Johnson regarding the possible replacement of this shelter which had recently been demolished.

88/91 RESOLVED:- That the shelter at this location be replaced with a full glass shelter similar to the one at the junction of Rankin Avenue and that the County Council be asked to approve a slightly different site between the two houses.

6. Naming of street The developers had suggested that the new road off Chapel Road be named 'Winacre Drive'.

89/91 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the road be named 'Pardoe Close' after a local worthy.

7. Streetlighting Mrs Baxter reported that the proposed new light between 298 and 330 Moss Lane had not been provided. Mrs L Kershaw undertook to check the list supplied to the District Council as approved by the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAP&TC.

8. Chapel Road The Clerk was asked to report that the gutter between Nook Farm and the cottages was continually wet even during spells of dry weather.

## GRASS CUTTING AND STREET CLEANING

1. Grass cutting The Clerk reported that a tender had not been submitted by the Parish Council. The Chairman had been unable to contact the Council's contractor during the past week. P.J.H.

2. Street cleaning Tenders had not yet been invited.

3. Weedspraying course The Chairman had found out that District Council employees attended training courses at Myerscough College of Agriculture. This would be progressed after the summer holidays.

## TRANSFER OF JUSTICES LICENCE

90.91 RESOLVED:- That the Council has no objection to the transfer of the Justices Licence in respect of No 4/6 Station Road.

P. J. Handley

2<sup>nd</sup> September 1991.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 2nd SEPTEMBER 1991

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

MINUTES

91/91 RESOLVED:- That subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th August 1991 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 7 1. Grass cutting Line 2 to read:-  
'submitted by the Parish Council. The Chairman had been unable...'

PROVISION OF BRANCH SURGERY IN HESKETH BANK

( Mr K Cuthbertson of the Lancashire Family Health Services Authority was present for this item.)

Mr Cuthbertson explained the policy of the Authority in relation to new proposals and indicated that, in addition to the Parish Council, the Local Medical Committee and the Community Health Council were also being consulted on the proposals by Drs Ebdy and Minshull to site a Branch Surgery in Hesketh Bank. Mr Cuthbertson handed the Clerk a letter which answered the various points as follows:-

Site - None identified as yet.  
Facilities available - Surgery sessions, baby clinics, ante natal clinics, vaccination and immunisations.  
Just a visiting place - No at least one surgery session there per week,  
Minor treatments available - Not at present.  
Ante and post natal facilities available - Yes.  
Availability of Nurse - The practice employs two practice nurses and one may provide services at the branch.  
Computer terminal at Branch - Not at present

Mr Cuthbertson answered questions from members of the Council and indicated that the Authority would initially give approval in principle only and it would be for the Doctors concerned to find suitable premises and obtain any necessary planning approvals etc. Some concern was expressed about the lack of records being available at the branch and it was also suggested that Mere Brow, Holmes and Rufford were in more need of a branch than Hesketh Bank. Mr Cuthbertson indicated that, exclusive use of premises was preferred especially if records were to be kept on the premises.

P. J. H.

Mr Cuthbertson also indicated that only one main surgery could be provided for each practice and that the maximum number of patients on a doctor's list was 3,500.

The Chairman thanked Mr Cuthbertson for attending the meeting and for answering the various questions.

It was suggested that as Hesketh Bank was a large and expanding village which had never had the benefit of a surgery, the proposal should be welcomed. There was also an advantage to be had by young mothers and the elderly who currently had the expense of going to Tarleton Health Centre.

92/91 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council advises the Lancashire Family Health Services Authority that it is in favour of the setting up of a Doctor's Surgery in Hesketh Bank. (The voting on the resolution was 4 votes For, 1 vote Against and 2 Abstentions)

The Chairman then reported the receipt of a letter from Dr M Ebdy regarding the possible use of the Village Hall for a surgery. It was suggested that the Council should not get involved in the suitability of premises but should only comment on the general principle.

93/91 RESOLVED:- That Dr M Ebdy be advised of the decision of the Council as set out in Resolution No 92/91 and that, ideally the surgery should be sited between Chapel Road and Shore Road with the 'Hourwatch' site a possibility which the Doctor may wish to explore with the owners.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. West Lancashire Training Services The Chairman had spoken to Mr Farrington who had explained that work would not commence until the middle of October. Also they may have to charge Parish Councils for work done and also a retainer for the number of pensioners' gardens tidied up each year. The Chairman would contact Mr Farrington again at the beginning of October.

2. Allotments The rental would be £10 per annum and the Clerk would be sending the accounts out shortly.

3. Best Kept Village Competition The written report had not been received to date.

4. Victims' Support Scheme Volunteers to join the 200 Club should see the Clerk after the meeting.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council Copies of agendas had been received.

2. Waste Tip, Outmarsh The Chairman handed the Clerk copies of letters he had received from Mr K Wareing of Shore Road in relation to this subject. North Meols and Freckleton Parish Councils had both indicated opposition to any such proposals.

3. Publications Copies of the Local Council Review, CCL News and Countrywise had been received.

P. J. H.

## FINANCE

### 1. Accounts for payment

94/91 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

D Ward Esq., Cleaning Bus Shelters (4 months) £46.00

### 2. Receipts The following had been received:-

Lancashire County Council - Grasscutting 1990/91 - £220.00

### 3. Grant A request had been received from the Ramblers Association.

95/91 RESOLVED:- That a Grant of £10 be made to the Ramblers' Association.

4. District Council Grant 1992/93 Parish Council bids had to be with Mrs L Kershaw by 15th September 1991.

96/91 RESOLVED:- That a bid of £1000 be made for the provision of street cleaning and related maintenance equipment.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### 1. Weekly Lists The following were considered:-

a. No 08/91/0896 - Retention of caravan for use as rest room in connection with market garden business, 140 Moss Lane

97/91 RESOLVED:- a. That the Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that the level of horticulture does not warrant a house on this site;

b. That the Planning Officer be requested to look at the sewage arrangements which may be affecting a local watercourse.

b. No 08/91/0918 - Detached dwelling house with integral garage & new access, Land adj. 107 Chapel Road

98/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/91/0908 - First floor extensions to side elevation 42 Shore Road

99/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 5th September 1991 The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/91/0798 - Removal of embankment & restoration of site for agricultural after use for a further period of 3 years, Land East of Guide Road

The recommendation was for the District Council to object to this proposal but if the County Council were minded to approve it then the views of the Parish Council should be given due consideration.

100/91 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

b. No 08/91/0474 - O/L for demolition of disused farm buildings & construction of four houses. Construction of vehicular access, The Brow, Station Road

The recommendation was for approval.

101/91 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

c. Approved since last meeting

1. No 08/91/0683 - Part single, part two storey extension, 193 Chapel Road

2. No 08/91/0667 - Single storey domestic extensions including porch, 120 Moss Lane

3. No 08/91/0657 - Detached dormer bungalow & garage, Land adj. 'Rosemeade', Boundary Meanygate

d. Appeal Decisions The following was noted:-

No 08/90/1465 - Erection of bungalow, Land adj. Jumps Farm, Station Road - Dismissed

3. HGV Operator's Licence The following application was noted:-

G Whiteside, Dunkirk Farm, Shore Road - 3 vehicles

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground An order had been placed for the weedspraying work to the car park and to Glenpark Drive.

2. Station Road Area The drawing was not yet available and it was agreed to defer consideration until it had been received.

3. Lease of Area to Boys Football Club A reply had been received from the LAP&TC which posed a number of questions. The Clerk undertook to answer these questions and await further advice from the Association.

4. Changing Hut - Provision of Electricity A written price was still awaited.

#### HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Speeding Mr S Iddon reported that there was a demand for restrictions in Guide Road and Mrs Kidd was concerned about vehicles speeding past the school on Shore Road.

102/91 RESOLVED:- That the Police be requested to look at the speed of vehicles using Guide Road and Shore Road in the vicinity of the school.

2. Streetlighting Mrs L Kershaw had written to Technical Services about the light requested in Moss Lane.

3. Bus Shelters

a. Hundred End The Chairman undertook to speak to Mr N Marsden about the repairs required.

103/91 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to place an order for repairs if the estimate was considered reasonable.

b. Station Road/Chapel Road This matter was with the Insurance Company.

4. Drainage Problems, Chapel Road This would be investigated the next time it rains.

5. Hedges A final request had been made to the owner in respect of the hedge overhanging the footpath on Station Road near The Brow. A hedge in Moss Lane which usually causes problems had only been half cut. The Chairman undertook to speak to the County Council about the hedge in front of the railings on The Brow.

#### STREETCLEANING

Tenders had now been invited to be returned to the District Council by 20th September 1991. The Clerk and the Chairman had the matter in hand.

*P. J. Handley.*

*30<sup>th</sup> Sept. '91.*

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 30th SEPTEMBER 1991

PRESENT:- Mr P Handley (Chairman)  
Mesdames L Kershaw; D Trippier and J Witter  
Messrs L Greenwood; W Hill; J Hodson and S Iddon  
Apologies were received from Mrs M Baxter and Mr M Goodier and 2 members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

104/91 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd September 1991 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters raised under this heading.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council
  - a. Agendas There were no items affecting this Parish.
  - b. Civic Guide A new Guide was to be produced and the Clerk was asked to advise the District Council of an alternative meaning of the Scandinavian word 'Eskyth'.
2. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils
  - a. Area Committee - 11th October 1991 The agenda for the meeting was noted.
  - b. Training Seminars Arrangements for a series of seminars were noted.
3. Victims' Support Scheme Mrs L Kershaw undertook to represent the Parish Council at the AGM on the 2nd October 1991.
4. District Youth & Community Service - Grants It was agreed to advise the Boys FC, the Scouts and the Guides of the availability of grants.
5. Postal Deliveries A letter had been received from Mr & Mrs J Whittingham about the poor delivery service in the Parish.

105/91 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to advise the Head Post Office in Preston of this Council's concern over deliveries in the Parish.

P. J. H

## FINANCE

### 1. Accounts for payment

106/91 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- |    |                                                                           |         |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| a. | N W Water - Water charges                                                 | £ 13.32 |
| b. | West Lancs. District Council - Weedspraying etc<br>at Glenpark Drive etc. | £164.50 |
| c. | B W Rimmer Esq. - Clerk's salary & expenses                               | £400.52 |
| d. | N Marsden Esq. - Repairs to play equipment                                | £ 31.40 |
| e. | Mrs L Kershaw - Share towards cost of Audit Notice                        | £ 4.70  |

2. Other Matters The Ramblers Association had thanked the Council for the donation sent after the last meeting and a cheque for £33 had been received from the parents of the girl who had defaced the Church bus shelter.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr R Foster asked what had happened to the seat on The Brow and the Chairman and Mr S Iddon explained what had happened since the last meeting of the Council.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### 1. Weekly Lists The following were considered:-

a. No 08/91/0940 - O/L 14 detached dwellings inc. access road Land at The Green.

The Chairman explained that this was not part of the original Hourwatch application but land which had been removed from BS3 by the Planning Department after the appeal decision on that site.

107/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. No 08/91/0938 - Single storey extension at side 88 Chapel Road

108/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/91/0979 - O/L detached house and new vehicular access (Renewal of 08/89/1309) Land adj. 88 Moss Lane

109/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. No 08/91/0983 - Single storey extension to rear 72 Chapel Road

110/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

e. No 08/91/1010 - Two storey side extensions 'Sunnydale', Marsh Road

111/91 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

P. J. H

Planning Control Sub-Committee - 3rd October 1991 The following items were considered:-

a. Application No 08/91/0918 - Detached dwelling house with integral garage Land adj. 107 Chapel Road

The recommendation was for approval.

112/91 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

b. Application No 08/91/0474 - O/L demolition of disused farm buildings & construction of four houses. Construction of vehicular access The Brow, Station Road

The recommendation was for approval.

113/91 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

c. Application No 08/91/0896 - Retention of caravan for use as rest room in connection with market garden 140 Moss Lane

The recommendation was for approval for a temporary period to 30th September 1993.

114/91 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

d. Application No 08/91/0154 - Demolition of existing buildings and erection of end terrace house 215 Chapel Road

The recommendation was for approval.

115/91 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

e. Application No 08/91/0938 - Retention of single storey extension 88 Chapel Road

The recommendation was for approval.

116/91 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

f. Application No 08/91/0348 - Clay target shooting range and erection of clubhouse Land at Westgate Farm, Guide Road

The recommendation was for refusal on the grounds of traffic and noise amenity which were the objections put forward by the Parish Council.

117/91 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

g. Application No 08/91/-738 - Removal of agricultural occupancy condition imposed on 8/6/14240 The Marshes, Guide Road

The recommendation was for approval due to the exceptional circumstances of this case.

118/91 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

P. J. H.

h. Approved since last meeting It was noted that the following had been approved:-

1. No 08/91/0725 - Extensions to provide storage for horticultural irrigation equipment 109 Chapel Road

2. No 08/91/0827 - New roof to existing store on side elevation inc. new staircase to existing first floor flat 85 Station Road

3. No 08/91/0441 - Single storey extension at rear 15 Granville Avenue

i. Appeal decisions notified The following appeal had been dismissed:-

No 08/90/1287 - O/L Agricultural worker's dwelling Marsh Road

### 3. Other Matters

a. Application No 08/91/0796 - 12 Station Road The Planning Department would raise the issues advised by this Council with the applicant.

b. Enforcement E89/217 - Lambourne, Shore Road The appeal to be held on 17th September 1991 had been postponed for 3 months whilst consideration was given to a current application in respect of this site.

### HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Speeding on Guide Road and Shore Road The Police Traffic Department would monitor the situation and report back to this Council.

### 2. Bus Shelters

a. Hundred End Mr N Marsden had provided an estimate for the repairs required in the sum of £170.00 which included for replacing some boards on the roof and refelting over same.

119/91 RESOLVED:- That the estimate from Mr N Marsden for repairs to the Hundred End bus shelter in the sum of £170.00 be accepted.

b. Station Road/Chapel Road The Clerk reported that the Insurance Company would only re-imburse the insured value of £500 and the remainder would have to be re-claimed from the owner/driver of the vehicle involved.

120/91 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Chairman be authorised to obtain a quotation from Merseybus for a new shelter at this site,

2. That the Chairman be also authorised to obtain a quotation for replacing the glass in the shelter outside All Saints Church and for a new shelter at Shore Road/Chapel Road to replace the shelter currently located at that site.

3. Other matters Mr J Hodson reported that the County Council had re-instated the Old Boundary Meanygate from Hesketh Lane to the Riverside Banks for use as a bridleway. It was now possible to get a car down the bridleway and the Council would top the surface up with tarmac to complete the work.

121/91 RESOLVED:- That Mr J Hodson be thanked for his efforts to have this right of way re-instated and that the Clerk be requested to send a letter of thanks to the County Surveyor.

P. J. H.