

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 19th APRIL 1993

PRESENT:-

Mr P J Handley (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; D Trippier and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; M Goodier and L Greenwood

Apologies were received from Mr J Jackson and Mr S Trippier

Two members of the press and public were present.

MR J HODSON The Chairman opened the meeting by paying a short tribute to the late Mr J Hodson who had died during the previous week. Mr Hodson had been an enthusiastic member of the Council who was very keen on footpaths. The Chairman had arranged for a Card to be sent to the family and, as there was a request for family flowers only, the Chairman suggested that Members may wish to make a donation which would go towards the Church. The Council then stood in memory of Mr Hodson.

MINUTES

155/92 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th March 1993 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 1, penultimate line - 'cation' to read 'action'.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee. A discussion was held on Local Government Re-organisation and only Scarisbrick, Halsall and Bickerstaffe favoured unitary authorities based on existing district council boundaries. Most Councils felt that planning information given by the District Council was adequate although it was felt that a definition of 'trivial' was required. A discussion took place on site visits to planning application sites and it was felt that Parish Councillors should be allowed to speak if they were invited to attend. It was reported that there was not much enthusiasm for the Centenary Fund in West Lancashire.

in addition to ourselves MG.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Agendas Copies had been received of various agendas with no items affecting this Parish.

b. Revenue Budget 1993/94 A copy had been received.

c. Parish Reception This would be held on Tuesday, 20th April 1993 with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman representing this Council. Mrs Kershaw had received a separate invitation.

## 2. Other matters

a. Victim Support Scheme The Scheme were holding a Flag Day on 15th May 1993 and were asking for volunteers to help. It was agreed that any volunteers would liaise with Mrs Kershaw, who would ensure collecting boxes were available.

b. LAP&TC The latest Newsletter was available.

c. Good Neighbour Scheme The AGM would be held on Thursday, 29th April 1993 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm and all Parish Councillors would be welcome.

156/92 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council continue to pay the rental of the Village Hall for future Annual General Meetings of the Good Neighbour Scheme.

### FINANCE

#### 1. Accounts for Payment

157/92 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

Andrew Coxhead Esq - Cleaning Allotment Ditch	£ 23.50
Mr J R Foster - Disinfectant for litter bins	£ 1.15

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

Lancashire County Council - Grasscutting	£ 216.00
West Lancashire District Council - Street cleaning	£ 1608.70
West Lancashire District Council - Cleaning retention	£ 337.39
Cornhill Insurance - Payment for bus shelter	£ 650.00

(It was noted that the Company suggested the insured sums be reviewed)

### PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Clerk outlined the steps to be taken to advertise and fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr J Hodson.

158/92 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to take the necessary action to advertise the existing Parish Council vacancy.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster suggested that Hesketh Lane and Moss Lane were in need of repair and it was indicated that the County Council were making finance available for repairs to moss roads in the County.

The Chairman undertook to report a hole in the centre of the road at the bottom of The Brow.

Mr Foster reported that two litter bins, at the corner of Moss Lane and on Station Road near to Rankin Avenue, had been set on fire but were still usable and the Chairman undertook to report these to the police.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### 1. Weekly lists

159/92 RESOLVED:- (1) That no comments be made on the following applications:-

No 08/93/0305 - Erection of glasshouses, land at rear of 198 Moss Lane

No 08/93/0301 - Reserved matters, one detached dwelling and new vehicular access, land between 143/159 Moss Lane

No 08/93/0313 - O/L one detached dwelling and new vehicular access, land between 143/159 Moss Lane

No 08/93/0371 - O/L one detached dwelling house and garage (including siting and means of access) - Renewal of 08/90/0741, land adjacent to 86 Chapel Road

(2) That the Planning Officer be advised that in respect of No 08/93/0374 - Reserved matters for detached bungalow with new vehicular/pedestrian access, land adjacent 188 Moss Lane, permission was originally granted on the basis that it would be occupied by a disabled person but that it was now advertised for sale having been included in a newspaper advertisement for a Tarleton Estate Agent.

### 2. Planning Control Sub-Committee The following were noted:-

Application No 08/92/1173 - First floor dormer extension to rear elevation, 160 Moss Lane - This had been deferred at the last meeting for an organised site visit which would be held on Tuesday afternoon at 4.30pm.

Approved since the last meeting No 08/92/1109 - Use of building for agricultural workshop, 'Montrose', Shore Road

No 08/92/1311 - Reserved matters for agricultural workers' dwelling, Hesketh Lodge, Dib Road

### 3. Other matters

a. G & A Produce Mr Goodier reported that the appeal would be dealt with by means of written representations.

b. Development at Fermor Road, Tarleton It was suggested that an application was to be made for 52 'Starter' homes with egress on to Fermor Road and the Clerk was requested to look out for the application.

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

### 1. Bus shelters

a. Outside Church The new glass had now been fitted.

b. LCC Grants 1993/94

160/92 RESOLVED:- That application be made for 25% towards the cost of replacing the shelter on Shore Road outside the allotments on which the rust was pushing through the concrete in several places.

2. Street Lights Mrs Kershaw was still dealing with the application for a light at 296 Moss Lane and the Clerk was asked to report that a new pole had been erected at New House Nurseries, Boundary Lane, Hundred End but there was no light on the pole.

3. Litter Bins The Clerk reported that, after consultation with the owner of the adjacent house, the District Council had decided not to place a litter bin at the junction of Shore Road and Glenpark Drive. Mr Goodier reported that a Dog Bin would be placed on the Play Area at Station Road.

4. Other matters Mr Goodier reported that new 'No fouling' signs had been erected and 2 people were awaiting prosecution for allowing dogs to foul the footway. One other person had already been prosecuted.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

##### 1. Recreation Ground

###### a. Football Pitch

161/92 RESOLVED:- That Mr M Goodier be authorised to arrange a meeting with the Football Clubs to discuss what maintenance work is required to the football pitch during the close season.

##### 2. Glenpark Drive

a. New Equipment The Recreation Committee had decided that the new equipment be painted in bright colours i.e. Green, yellow, red and blue

b. 'Tidy Up Lancs' Grant Mr Goodier reported the receipt of a grant of £200 for the replacement of trees and planting of shrubs on this area subject to photographs being taken on a before and after basis. The Tree Preservation Officer would advise on trees and shrubs and the best time of the year for planting.

3. Station Road Area The rubbish on the Hotel land had now been removed.

#### ALLOTMENTS

It was noted that Mr S Trippier had applied for another plot and he was the only person on the Waiting List.

#### BECCONSALL OLD CHURCH

The Diocese Secretary had now indicated the steps being taken to declare the Old Church redundant and the steps to be taken to try to find an alternative use for the building. As a last resort, application would be made for partial demolition to maintain the remainder as a monument with a central grassed area. It was indicated that when the Church was made redundant, the Church was de-consecrated but the Churchyard remained consecrated.

<sup>DONALDSON MG</sup>  
MR THOMAS DALTON It was reported that Mr Thomas Dalton, a former partner of the late Miss E M Cropper, had died over the weekend.

Mark Goodier.

17<sup>th</sup> May 1993.

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HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THE 17th MAY 1993

PRESENT:- Mr M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; D Trippier --  
and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; I Greenwood; J Jackson and  
S Trippier

Apologies were received from Mr P J Handley and 3 members  
of the press and public were present.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Nominations, duly seconded, were received for the election of Mr M  
Goodier and Mr J Jackson as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Upon a show of hands, Mr Goodier received 5 votes and Mr Jackson received  
4 votes, whereupon it was:-

1/93 RESOLVED:- That Mr M Goodier be elected Chairman of the Parish  
Council for the year 1993/94.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Mr Goodier read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office  
of Chairman of the Council.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

2/93 RESOLVED:- That Mr J Jackson be appointed Vice-Chairman of  
the Council for the year 1993/94

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK

(Sgt M Duke and PC M Thackery attended for this item)

Sgt Duke introduced PC Mark Thackery, the new Community Police Officer for  
Hesketh Bank who indicated that he had spent 3 years involved in Community  
Policing in Clayton Brook near Chorley and had moved into the Police House  
on Station Road about 2 weeks ago. He was married with 2 children aged  
4 years and 1 year and was looking forward to working in the area.

Sgt Duke then indicated that the Police had now gone a long way to achieving  
the objectives set for this area and there was now a visible police presence  
in Hesketh Bank. He felt there had been a good response from both the  
public and the children of the parish. There was no great crime problem  
in Hesketh Bank with less than 10 burglaries in 1993. The main problems  
were of a nuisance nature and these would be addressed by PC Thackery in  
the near future.

A number of members of the Council said they had noticed an improvement  
in policing in the area and the higher profile policing was appreciated.

In answer to a number of questions, Sgt Duke indicated that an answering  
machine was connected to the telephone at Tarleton Police Station but urgent  
calls should perhaps be directed to Ormskirk which was manned 24 hours a day;

that PC Thackery had spent a few days in the company of PC Graham Wilson, who had pointed out the various problem areas in the village and likely miscreants; that PC Wilson would continue to work out of Tarleton Police Station as one of the supporting officers on mobile patrol; that as a result of the reorganisation of duties in the area, one additional officer was available with a total of 9 officers now working from Tarleton Police Station of which 5/6 could be on duty at any one time; that marked police vehicles were being used in the area more than in the past with officers also using their own unmarked vehicles on occasions; and that he would appreciate immediate contact to be made with the police if any problems developed which required their attention.

The Chairman thanked Sgt Duke and PC Thackery for attending the meeting.

3/93 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to write to the Sub-Divisional Commander at Skelmersdale to express the Council's appreciation of the policing in the village.

#### MINUTES

4/93 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendments, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th April 1993 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 1 LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee In line 2, after 'and' add 'in addition to ourselves'

Page 4 'Mr Thomas Dalton' to read 'Mr Thomas Donaldson'.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

5/93 RESOLVED:- That the Constitution and Membership of the Standing Committees of the Council be as follows:-

Recreation Committee - Chairman plus 4 members  
Councillors M Goodier; Mrs N Goodier; P Handley; S Trippier and Mrs J Witter.

Allotments Committee - Chairman plus 4 members  
Councillors M Goodier; P Bannister; L Greenwood; J Jackson and Mrs J Witter.

Footpaths Committee - 3 members  
Councillors Mrs L Kershaw; Mrs D Trippier and S Trippier.

#### APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

6/93 RESOLVED:- That the Members indicated below be appointed to represent the Parish Council on the following bodies:-

LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee

Chairman & Vice-Chairman and Councillor Mrs N Goodier.

Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee

Councillor Mrs N Goodier with the Vice-Chairman as substitute.

Layfield Charity

Councillor Mrs D Trippier.

Village Hall Committee

Councillor Mrs L Kershaw

Lancashire Playing Fields Association

Councillor Mrs J Witter (The AGM was on 4th June 1993 at Lancaster)

Council for Protection of Rural England

Councillor S Trippier

Hesketh -- with - Becconsall CE School

Councillor L Greenwood

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Mr J Hodson A letter of thanks had been received from The Rector for the donation made by Councillors.
2. Parish Reception at Ormskirk The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had attended this function.
3. Planning Matters - Application No 08/93/0374 - adj.188 Moss Lane

The Clerk reported that approval had originally been given to this development as infill with no mention being made of use by a disabled person and the Chairman confirmed this to be correct. The Clerk had, therefore, not written to the District Council on the lines agreed at the previous meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council
  - a. Agendas etc. There were no items specific to this Parish.
  - b. Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee In future this Committee would meet as and when required with the next meeting being held on the 8th July 1993.
  - c. Seminar on Housing Maintenance Services This would be held on the 26th May 1993 and no-one showed an interest in attending.
  - d. Housing Exhibition and Display Material It was felt not to be appropriate for this Parish.
  - e. Tree Council's Tree Warden Scheme This would be launched in West Lancashire on 23rd June 1993 at Beacon Country Park Visitors Centre at 7.30pm. Two Councillors showed an interest in attending.

2. County Council

Britain in Bloom 1993 Application Forms had to be requested before the end of April 1993.

### 3. Other Matters

a. British Aerospace, Warton The Company had reassured the Council that it takes a very serious view of the necessity for security of the site, its employees and its neighbours but was not prepared to disclose security of the river side of the site.

b. Postal Services and Pollution of the River Douglas It was agreed that these items be discussed when all the replies had been received.

c. Good Neighbour Scheme A copy of the Annual Report had been received for the Council's records.

d. Typing/Printing Services Details of a Company from Lathom were noted.

e. Tidy Up Lancashire The Grant for £200 had been received.

f. Best Kept Village Competition A receipt for the Entry Fee had been received.

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

### FINANCE

#### 1. Accounts for Payment

7/93 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | Merseybus Ltd - Replacement Glass (All Saints Shelter) -  | £ 61.35  |
| b. | T & B Landscape Associates Ltd - Grasscutting (Initial) - | £ 141.00 |
| c. | Cornhill Insurance - Annual Premium -                     | £ 160.03 |
| d. | 1 Yates Esq. - New play equipment -                       | £1128.00 |
| e. | CPRE - Annual Subscription -                              | £ 15.00  |
| f. | Village Hall Committee - Rental (£126) & Donation (£80) - | £ 206.00 |

2. Insurance The Clerk indicated that Cornhill had suggested that the cover for the bus shelters be uprated.

8/93 RESOLVED:- That Cornhill be requested to increase the cover on the bus shelters from £ 728.00 per shelter to £ 830.00 per shelter and to advise the Council of the additional premium required.

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

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| a. | West Lancashire District Council - Half concurrent expenditure | £ 695.00  |
| b. | West Lancashire District Council - Part payment of precept     | £ 7500.00 |
| c. | Lancashire County Council - Tidy Up Award -                    | £ 200.00  |

4. Donations/Grants A letter from the Victim Support Scheme would be considered later in the year.

5. Burial Ground Grant Details of the Becconsall Graveyard Fund had been received together with Financial Arrangements for maintaining the All Saints Burial Ground. It was reported that £ 75 was included in the estimates for 1993/94.

9/93 RESOLVED:- That equal grants amounting to £37.50 be made towards the upkeep of the Becconsall and All Saints Burial Grounds.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster raised the following issues:-

a. Motorway wagons had been seen heading towards the Old Station site at Hundred End. It was not known what, if anything was being built. The Chairman, in response to Mrs J Witter, indicated that work on the Training Ground for Driving Tuition had been stopped due to the lack of planning permission.

b. <sup>Vegetation MG.</sup> Vegetation growing on Greenfields. This had been dealt with by the Chairman.

c. The iron railings at the bottom of The Brow required repainting and a mirror was required on the bend. The Chairman undertook to take the former up with the District Council, if appropriate, and the Clerk would request the latter from the County Council. MG.

d. The sign at The Brow and Station Road required <sup>replacing</sup> replacing. The Chairman had already made the District Council aware of this issue.

## PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/93/0401 - Retention of use and enlargement of yard for the purpose of Produce Distribution Centre with associated landscaping and alterations to existing vehicular access - G & A Produce, 410 Moss Lane

The Chairman reported that trees would be provided around the yard, the Appeal Hearing set for July would be suspended and the Planning Officer's views were still for refusal.

10/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. No 08/93/0411 - New windows to side elevation & detached double garage - 142 Moss Lane

This application was included on the Agenda for Thursday's meeting.

c. No 08/93/0426 - Proposed new vehicular access from existing farm business for purposes of turf production business - Dunkirk Farm, Shore Road

11/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. No 08/93/0481 - Outline, Erection of stables/livery accommodation (including siting and means of access) and demolition of existing glasshouses Inglenook Nurseries, 59 Moss Lane

12/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 20th May 1993

13/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/93/0063 - Detached bungalow with new vehicular/pedestrian access - Land at Becconsfield Nurseries, Boundary Meanygate (Recommendation - Granted)

b. No 08/93/0411 - New window to side elevation and detached double garage - 142 Moss Lane (Recommendation - Permission delegated to Director in consultation with Spokespersons of 2 main parties)

c. No 08/93/0265 - Outline, Four detached houses - Land at Chapel Road (Recommendation - Granted)

3. Other Matters

a. Enforcement E91/39 - Use of land for siting of residential caravan - 140 Station Road.

The Public Inquiry would be on the 28th May 1993 at Ormskirk at 10.00am

b. Application No 08/93/0313 - Outline, One detached dwelling (including details of siting and access) - Land between 143/159 Moss Lane.

The application had been amended with additional details of siting and access being submitted.

c. Agricultural Workshop, Montrose, Shore Road

This application had been approved by the Full Council as the Planning Control Sub-Committee were at variance with the recommendation.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Public Footpaths Nos 12 & 13 The Council's comments had been requested on a partial diversion of these footpaths.

14/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the proposed diversion of these footpaths.

2. Other Matters The Chairman undertook to speak to the Police about the problems caused by vehicles parking on the bend in Moss Lane.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground The meeting with the Football Clubs had still to be arranged.

2. Glenpark Drive The new equipment had been erected and some favourable comments had been received from residents. The Recreation Committee would have a quick look at the site when meeting the Football Clubs.

3. Station Road Play Area It was reported that some of the hedge was not growing as it should be growing and this would be monitored.

WREATHS AND DONATIONS IN RESPECT OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

15/93 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to obtain a legal ruling from the LAP&TC regarding the payment for wreaths and donations from Council funds.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

16/93 RESOLVED:- That meetings of the Council be held at 7.30pm on the following Monday evenings:-

14th June; 12th July; 9th August; 6th September; 4th October; 1st November; 29th November; 3rd January 1994; 31st January; 28th February; 28th March; 18th April and 16th May.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

17/93 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

HESKETH BANK SPORTS GROUND

Mrs L Kershaw and the Chairman reported on the recent meeting with the Directors of Hesketh Bank Sports Company at which they had answered all the questions asked by the Company.

It was reported that an offer had been made, below that which it was understood the ground had been offered to the 3 Sports Clubs and it had been agreed that the Council would make a written offer following this meeting.

18/93 RESOLVED:- That a written offer be made to the Hesketh Bank Sports Company equivalent to the sum indicated by the Company to the Sports Clubs, subject to receiving an early response and to the Company being advised that the Council would be seeking an alternative site in the village if the purchase by the Council did not proceed.

It was also reported that the Valuation Office now made a charge for its services and the Clerk was requested to ask for a scale of charges before instructions to value a site were given.

A570 ORMSKIRK BYPASS

A570 SCARISBRICK - PINFOLD BYPASS

A59 BANK HALL DIVERSION

The Council had been invited to nominate 5 Members to attend a presentation and exhibition on these Schemes at Ormskirk Civic Hall on Wednesday, 26th May 1993 at 2.00pm.

19/93 RESOLVED:- That Mrs J Witter; Mrs D Trippier; Mrs N Goodier; Mr S Trippier and Mr J Jackson be authorised to attend the presentation on 26th May 1993.

MR P J HANDLEY

20/93 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to pass on to Mr P J Handley, the Council's sincere thanks for all the work he has undertaken on behalf of the Council during his 9 years as Chairman of the Council.

Mark Gosh.

14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 1993.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 14th JUNE 1993

PRESENT:-

Mr M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw and D Trippier

Messrs L Greenwood; P J Handley; J Jackson and S Trippier

Apologies were received from Mrs J Witter and Mr P Bannister

2 members of the Press and Public were present

MINUTES

21/93 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendments, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th May 1993 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 5 Line 8 'Vegitation' to read 'Vegetation'

Page 5 Line 14 'repalcing' to read 'replacing'

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

(a) Policing in Hesketh Bank A letter of thanks had been received from Supt A Lincoln at Skelmersdale.

(b) Appointment of Committees Mr P J Handley had accepted membership of the Recreation Committee.

(c) Seminar on Housing Maintenance Services A report on the Seminar had been received.

(d) Agricultural Workshop, 'Montrose', Shore Road It was suggested that the workshop was being used for tool and cutter grinding and precision engineering and it was Proposed and Seconded that the Enforcement Officer be requested to look at the premises as it was believed that the work being undertaken did not comply with the terms of the approved planning permission.

Upon being put to the vote, the proposal was defeated by 4 votes to 3 votes.

(e) Wreaths and Donations in respect of Deceased Members of the Council The Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils had indicated that Wreaths and Donations in respect of Deceased Members of the Council should be by way of private subscription and not from Council funds.

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) District Council

(1) Agendas and minutes There were no matters affecting this Council.

(2) Proposed 'Rave' The Clerk reported on a letter he had sent to the District Council objecting to this proposed event and the receipt of letters from Mr E Farrington and Mr & Mrs N Cookson who were both seeking the support of the Council to making an objection. It was further reported that the application had now been withdrawn by the applicant and the Clerk was asked to thank the persons who had written to the Council for their interest.

(b) Other Matters

(1) CCL News The latest edition had been received.

(2) Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils

(i) West Lancashire Area Committee This would be held on Friday, 9th July 1993.

(ii) Training Days Details had been received.

(iii) Newsletter The latest edition included a Legal Topic Note on 'Closed Churchyards and Disused Burial Grounds'.

(c) Victim Support Scheme The Scheme had written to thank the helpers on the recent Flag Day and an invitation had been received to nominate a Representative to attend the AGM on the 24th June 1993.

22/93 RESOLVED:- That Mrs L Kershaw be nominated to represent the Council at the AGM of the Victim Support Scheme.

(d) Local Government International Review The latest edition had been received.

FINANCE

(a) Accounts for Payment

23/93 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

(1) North West Water - Water charges £ 17.48

(2) Mr D Ward - Cleaning bus shelters £ 64.00

(3) T & B Landscape Assoc. Ltd - Grasscutting £ 85.00

N.B. The account received was for 2 cuts but the contract is only for one cut per month and only one has been agreed for payment.

(4) Mr B W Rimmer - Clerk's salary & expenses £ 438.82

(b) Cleaning of Bus Shelters

24/93 RESOLVED:- That Mr D Ward be requested to clean the new bus shelter outside the Chapel in Chapel Road.

(c) Annual Audit The Clerk reported that the Audit would take place between the 26th July and 30th July 1993 with the date for objectors to be heard being the 30th July 1993. The Accounts could be inspected at the home of the Chairman, by appointment, between 1st and 21st July 1993.

(d) Bank Mandate

25/93 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mrs L Kershaw be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Council.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster raised a number of issues as follows:-

(a) Grasscutting - If cut when wet, lumps of grasscuttings were being left behind the mowers, whereas if cut when dry, the cuttings were fairly spread out and not as much of a problem. The Chairman reported that it would cost quite a lot more to include collecting cuttings in the contracts.

(b) Lamppost No 27, Chapel Road - This column was loose and could be moved about. The Clerk undertook to report it.

(c) Refuse Collections - It was reported that refuse was not being collected from the Flat next door to Mr Foster's. The Chairman undertook to report this to the District Council.

(d) Bus Services - The Chairman, in response to a question, supported by Mr Handley, explained what had been happening to the bus services on a Sunday with buses following each other along the route.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### (a) Weekly Lists

26/93 RESOLVED:- (1) That no comments be made on the following applications:-

(a) No 08/93/0506 - Single storey domestic extension to rear elevation, replacement roof to existing dormer on front elevation and detached double garage - 15 Becconsall Lane

(b) No 08/93/0510 - Conservatory & single storey extension at rear, porch to front - 46 Sidney Avenue

(c) No 08/93/0546 - Dormer extension to rear elevation  
160 Moss Lane

(2) That the following comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/93/0589 - One detached bungalow - Land at Rose Gardens/Station Road - The plot is too small for the development proposed and the bungalow will be directly in front of an existing property.

### (b) Planning Control Sub-Committee - 17th June 1993

27/93 RESOLVED:-(1) That no comments be made on the following applications:-

(1) No 08/93/0374 - Reserved matters - Detached bungalow with new vehicular/pedestrian access - land adjacent to 188 Moss Lane  
(Recommendation - Granted)

(2) No 08/93/0313 - Outline - One detached dwelling including details of siting and access - Land between 147/159 Moss Lane  
(Recommendation - Granted)

(2) That the following application, approved by the Director of Development & Amenities, be noted:-

No 08/93/0305 - Glasshouses - Rear of 198 Moss Lane

(c) Other Matters

No 296 Moss Lane It was reported that this house was for sale but the land adjoining the house was being retained by the owner.

28/93 RESOLVED:- That the Council's concerns about fragmentation of this holding be passed on to the Director of Development & Amenities.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- (a) A570 - Ormskirk Bypass  
A570 - Scarisbrick/Pinfold Bypass  
A59 - Bank Hall Diversion, Near Tarleton

It was reported that these 3 schemes were now out for public consultation.

29/93 RESOLVED:- That the concerns expressed by Mrs D Trippier about the hazardous situation of having 3 stretches of 3 lane carriageway between Tarleton & Howick Cross, be passed on to the Department of Transport.

(b) Grasscutting The problems of grasscuttings left by Brophy's had been raised by the Chairman with the District Council. The Chairman undertook to ask the District Council if they could arrange for Brophy's to rake the cuttings into piles to be collected by Mr J R Foster on behalf of the Parish Council.

(c) Street nameplate - The Brow The Chairman had this matter in hand.

- (d) Street Seat c/o Cropper Gardens

30/93 RESOLVED:- That Mr N Marsden be requested to fit new treated boards to this seat.

- (e) 'Hourwatch' site, Station Road

31/93 RESOLVED:- That Mr Booth of Firwood Timber of Burscough be requested to cut back this hedge which is overhanging the footway.

(f) Footway at The Brow It was reported that this footway was too narrow to take prams etc., and the footway should perhaps be widened due to extra traffic, the approval given to build about 100 new houses on the 'Hourwatch' site and the fact there is no footway on the opposite side of the carriageway.

32/93 RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor be requested to consider widening the footway at The Brow and that County Councillor R Hodge be requested to support the Parish Council in this matter.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

- (a) Recreation Ground

(1) Meeting with Football Clubs It was hoped to hold this meeting before the next meeting of the Council.

(2) Inspection of Equipment This was still being undertaken by Mr S Trippier.

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(3) Changing Hut It was reported that remedial repair work would be required to the woodwork this summer.

33/93 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee be authorised to inspect the hut and take whatever action they deem to be necessary.

(b) Glenpark Drive Area

(1) Timber barriers It was asked if these barriers could be removed although perhaps something was required in their place.

34/93 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee be authorised to inspect the site and take whatever action they deem to be appropriate.

(2) Weedspraying

35/93 RESOLVED:- That Mr J R Foster be requested to apply weedspray to the Glenpark Drive area and to the Car Park at the Shore Road Recreation Ground.

(c) Station Road Area

(1) Slide The Clerk reported a telephone call from a parent whose child had fallen on the slope by the slide and sustained a slight injury over her eye. It was suggested that the banking was slipping away as a result of rain moving the loose soil and perhaps the remedy was for about a ton of soil to be put on the slope and more grass put on the top of the slope.

36/93 RESOLVED:- That Mr S Trippier be authorised to contact Mr Greenwood of Hesketh Lane about supplying soil and to proceed with the work upto a cost of about £50.

(2) Fencing

37/93 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee be requested to inspect the fence and bring a proposal to the next meeting of the Council.

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

It was reported that Mrs Hodson was collecting together the Footpath Maps used by Mr J Hodson with a view to handing them over to the Parish Council.

CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

It was reported that an election had not been called and the Council were, therefore, able to co-opt a new Councillor.

It was Proposed and Seconded that the co-option be effected at this meeting.

Upon being put the proposal was carried by 5 votes to 3 votes whereupon it was:-

38/93 RESOLVED:- That a co-option of a Parish Councillor be effected at this meeting of the Council.

It was then Proposed and Seconded that Mr K Wareing of Shoreside Farm, Shore Road be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

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Upon being put, the proposal was carried by 6 votes to nil with 2 abstentions whereupon it was:-

39/93 RESOLVED:- That Mr K Wareing of Shoreside Farm, Shore Road, be co-opted to fill the existing vacancy on the Parish Council.

#### EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

40/93 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

#### HESKETH BANK SPORTS GROUND

The District Valuer had met with the Chairman and Mr P Bannister and would give a valuation of the whole of the site owned by the Sports Company and a price per acre of the adjoining land. Any purchase of this land upto 8 acres would be valued as paddock land whilst over 8 acres would be green belt/agricultural land value. The cost of the valuation would be £80.00.

The Sports Company had replied to the Council's offer to the effect that they were not prepared to recommend to the Shareholders a sale at a price less than £25,000 which the Company considered to be a bargain price.

Discussion took place as to whether there may be other areas of land in the Parish which could be purchased by the Council for recreation purposes.

41/93 RESOLVED:- (1) That the Clerk be authorised to accept the quotation from the District Valuer for a valuation of the land at Station Road amounting to £80.00,

(2) That the Sports Company be advised that their latest letter was receiving attention,

(3) That the Chairman and Mr P Bannister be authorised to contact Mr T Whitehead about the possibility of purchasing land in his ownership for recreation facilities.

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9th August 1993

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 12th JULY 1993

PRESENT:- Mr M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; D Trippier  
and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; L Greenwood; P Handley; J Jackson;  
S Trippier and K Wareing

5 members of the press and public were present.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed Mr K Wareing who had accepted the Council's invitation of Co-optation onto the Council in place of the late Mr J Hodson.

MINUTES

42/93 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th June 1993 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman. (The Minute Book was not available and would be signed at the next meeting.)

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

(a) Proposed 'Rave' The District Council had written to confirm that the application had been withdrawn.

(b) Victim Support Scheme - Annual General Meeting This had been attended by Mrs L Kershaw who gave a brief report of the meeting which had been addressed by Mr R B Johnson, Chief Constable of Lancashire. At the present time the Scheme was using free accommodation at Skelmersdale Police Station but were thinking of moving to alternative accommodation although a rental would have to be paid. The present Secretary had been appointed as Assistant Co-ordinator.

(c) Co-optation of Councillor The Clerk reported Mr Wareing's official acceptance of the position of Councillor.

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF POSTAL SORTING OFFICE, HESKETH BANK

The Chairman reported that the proposed closure had been withdrawn indefinitely and, therefore, the representative of the Post Office would not be attending this meeting. The decision would be confirmed in writing. The Clerk was asked to try to obtain a response from the local MP.

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) District Council

1. Agendas The Development & Amenities Committee had deferred for one committee cycle consideration of an item about the writing off and charging to the 'C' Scheme Revenue Budget an amount of £3,640 incurred by North Meols Parish Council for design costs in connection with the Pavilion on the Parish Council's Sports Field.

2. Civic Service This had been held on Sunday, 11th July 1993 at Tarleton and the Chairman suggested that consideration should be given at the next meeting of the Council to the institution of a Civic Service in Hesketh Bank.

(b) Other matters

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

2. Town Twinning The Council had been asked if it was still interested but it had been agreed to defer further consideration for 12 months.

3. LAP&TC Newsletter The main item was concerned with the initial recommendations of the Commission in respect of the Counties which had been reviewed to date. It was agreed to include Local Government Re-organisation on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

FINANCE

(a) Accounts for payment

43/93 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

1. T & B Landscapes Ltd - Grasscutting (including VAT for May) - £114.76
2. Zurich Municipal - Fragmentation insurance (Play areas) - £144.00
3. Cornhill Insurance - Increased premium (additional cover for bus shelters) - £ 12.85
4. M & P M Greenwood - Soil for play area at Station Rd £ 14.10

(b) Other matters

1. Donation The Church had acknowledged receipt of the donation towards the upkeep of the Burial Ground with thanks.

2. Bus shelter, o/s Chapel on Chapel Road

The Clerk reported the receipt of a cheque from Royal Insurance in respect of damage caused by the car driven by their insured.

The Clerk also reported that he had advised the County Council that any claim in respect of damage to the carriageway should be forwarded to Royal Insurance. He had also given the County Council full details of the driver of the car.

3. Initial Neighbourhood Watch meeting

PC M Thackery indicated that an initial meeting aimed at starting a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Sidney Avenue, Cherry Vale and Granville Avenue would be held in the Village Hall. This was to be a public meeting and the cost of the hall would be £10.

44/93 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council meet the cost of the Hire of the Village Hall for this Neighbourhood Watch meeting at a cost of £10.

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## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster asked if an organisation named 'Mothers against Murder and Agression' could put up posters near the play areas warning children against strangers. PC Thackery confirmed that the police have posters for use indoors but not outside. The Chairman indicated that the Council would be willing to hear what they had to say in 'Public Participation' if they wished to attend a future meeting.

Mr Foster asked if there would be a Managing Director for the Company if the Council succeeded in the purchase of the Sports Company. The Chairman indicated that the Council were not seeking to buy the Company but the land owned by the Company and it was hoped to make an announcement in the near future. Mr Foster also asked who would stand any loss made following the purchase by the Council. The Chairman indicated that he did not think such a situation would arise.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### (a) Weekly lists

1. Application No 08/93/0637 Display of 2 illuminated box signs and 1 projecting sign - Midland Bank, 2 Station Road
2. Application No 08/93/0622 11,000 volt o/h line diversion - Land at Moss Lane
3. Application No 08/93/0634 First floor extension at front, pitched roof to replace flat roof on porch and dormers at front - 4 Charles Close
4. Application No 08/93/0650 Dormers on rear elevation - 130 Moss Lane
5. Application No 08/93/0679 Retention of cabin for pigeon racing - Recreation Ground, Shore Road (The Chairman reported that permission had originally been granted for 3 years but would be extended for a further 5 years)
6. Application No 08/93/0689 Two storey extension at rear - 120 Chapel Road

45/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on Planning Applications listed at 1 - 6 above.

7. Application No 08/93/0642 Certificate of lawfulness for use of caravans for residential purposes - Douglas Boatyard, Becconsall Lane (This had been delegated to the Director of Development & Amenities to deal with).

46/93 RESOLVED:- That the Director be informed that this Council does not object to the number of caravans on site at present but does not wish it to become a caravan park, and that the Director be asked, therefore, about the number of caravans to be included in the Certificate and also what has happened in respect of the Court Case which was adjourned in May 1993.

(b) Planning Control Sub-Committee - 15th July 1993

1. Application No 08/93/0401 Retention and enlargement of hard standing for purpose of a produce distribution centre with associated landscaping and alterations to existing vehicular access - 410 Moss Lane

The recommendation was for refusal but the Chairman would be attending the meeting to speak in favour of the application. If the Sub-Committee recommended approval the application would then be referred to the full Council for decision.

2. Approved by the Director The following had been approved:-

No 08/93/0371 O/L one detached dwelling and garage (including siting and means of access) - renewal of 08/90/0741 - Land adjacent to 86 Chapel Road

(c) No 296 Moss Lane Mrs J Witter indicated that separate deeds had been drawn up ~~when the~~ property had been sold with the house going to one purchaser and the land to another purchaser.

(d) Tree Warden Scheme Messrs S Trippier and J R Foster had attended a training session at Whittle-le-Woods on the 11th July and Mr Trippier reported on the days events. Wardens would be appointed by the Parish Council and would liaise with tree owners and the Planning Department and identify problems and give advice if possible or pass the problem onto the District Council. Grants would be available and a booklet would be sent in due course. A suggestion was made that tree nurseries may be started and schools could be involved in small planting schemes. Both Mr Trippier and Mr Foster were prepared to volunteer to act as Tree Wardens. The Chairman reminded members that a grant of £200 had been obtained to provide new trees for Glenpark Drive Play Area. It was agreed to place this issue on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Parking in Moss Lane PC Thackery had yet to find a goods vehicle parked on the pavement but he would keep his eye on the situation.

(b) Cropper Gardens A resident had complained about the parking of a boat on the car park at this location and the Chairman undertook to raise the issue with the Housing Department or Housing Committee as appropriate.

A resident had also spoken to the police about the provision of speed ramps at the entrance to Cropper Gardens and this would be considered by the appropriate authorities.

(c) The Brow The new sign was on order and would be placed at the site when received.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

(a) Recreation Ground

1. Meeting with Boys FC The Recreation Committee had met the Boys FC when it had been agreed that the changing hut was not worth repairing. The Club were looking at alternative buildings for changing but felt the cost of a portakabin would be prohibitive. The Club had obtained grass seed for about £26 and spent £170 on top soil to enable the goalmouths to be reseeded. The Committee recommended that a donation of £200 be made to the Boys FC towards the cost of alternative changing facilities.

47/93 RESOLVED:- That a donation of £200 be made to the Boys FC towards the cost of replacement changing facilities on the Recreation Ground.

It was also reported that the Headteacher of the school had been asked to request that creosote be not used when marking out running lanes etc and that the Boys FC had volunteered to undertake any markings required in white.

(b) Glenpark Drive Play Area

1. Barrier

48/93 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to arrange for Mr I Yates to remove the existing wooden barrier and to provide a price for the provision of a metal barrier.

2. Safety Surfacing

49/93 RESOLVED:- That application be made to the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAP&TC for a Grant of £1500 in 1994/95 for the provision of safety surfacing and allied matters.

3. Tree Planting The Chairman undertook to speak to Mrs Ratcliffe before the next meeting of the Council regarding the best type of trees for this site. He also indicated that National Tree Week would be held for two weeks from the 29th October 1993.

(c) Station Road Play Area

It was agreed that an excellent job had been made of the repairs to the banking by the slide.

The Recreation Committee made recommendations about the fencing which had been vandalised and the hawthorn hedge.

50/93 RESOLVED:- That the recommendations of the Recreation Committee, that Mr J R Foster be requested to replace the rails on the vandalised fence using vandal proof nails and that the hawthorn hedge be replanted in November as necessary, be approved.

ALLOTMENTS

The Allotments Committee would be undertaking an inspection before the next meeting of the Council.

PARISH COUNCIL JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Chairman had attended and the main item had been a report by the Chief Executive of the District Council, Mr B Knight, on 'The re-organisation of Local Government'.

LAP&TC - WEST LANCASHIRE AREA COMMITTEE

Mrs L Kershaw reported on the meeting as follows:-

a. Centenary in 1994 the choice was to contribute to the National Fund or to undertake some means of celebration in the Parish.

b. Local Government Re-organisation Mr J Ashcroft, Assistant Clerk of the County Council, had addressed the meeting and indicated there was a case for the retention of the County and the 14 Districts as at present. Mr L Watson had expressed the need for each Parish Council to form its own opinion on how it wished the re-organisation to proceed.

c. Pollution of River Douglas North West Water had indicated that the Douglas looked grubby because of Hoscar Sewage Works and Parbold Parish Council had been advised that a high capital cost would be required to clean up the river. Rivers were currently placed in 5 classes of cleanliness and the Douglas was in class 3.

#### POLICING ISSUES

PC Thackery had indicated that an unexploded cannister had been found on the Outmarsh. A Bomb Disposal Team had attended and identified it as a Royal Navy Marker Flare.

PC Thackery had also asked to be advised if specific policing matters were to be raised at any Council Meeting so that he could make a special effort to attend.

#### EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

51/93 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

#### HESKETH BANK SPORTS GROUND

The Clerk reported on valuations received on the Sports Ground and the adjacent land. The Sports Company had rejected the Council's written offer for the land and had indicated a price below which they were not prepared to sell the land.

52/93 RESOLVED:- (1) That a final offer be made to the Sports Company in line with the price indicated in the Company's latest letter,

(2) That the Company be asked to indicate to the Council, before the end of July, whether or not the Directors are prepared to recommend the Shareholders to accept the Council's offer,

(3) That the Company be advised that should the offer be acceptable, the Parish Council would wish to complete the purchase as soon as possible,

(4) That the Clerk be requested to obtain information from the Sports Council and the LAP&TC about grants for the provision of sports facilities and,

(5) That the Chairman be authorised to prepare a statement for use by Mr P Bannister at a forthcoming Extraordinary General meeting of the Bowling Club when the subject of the purchase of the Sports Ground would be discussed.



9th August 1993

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 9th AUGUST 1993

PRESENT:-

Mr M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; D Trippier and  
J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; L Greenwood; P Handley; S Trippier  
and K Wareing

Four members of the Press and public were present.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

At the start of the meeting the Chairman reported the receipt of a letter from Mr J Jackson resigning from the Parish Council with immediate effect on moving to another part of the country. This left a vacancy for Vice-Chairman as well as on a number of Committees.

53/93 RESOLVED:- That the positions left vacant by the resignation of Mr J Jackson be filled at the next meeting of the Parish Council and that the Clerk be authorised to take the necessary steps to advertise the Parish Council vacancy.

MINUTES

54/93 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th July 1993 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman. (The Chairman also signed the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th June 1993 which were approved at the previous meeting but were not available for signature.)

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Closure of Postal Sorting Office The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from POUNC which enclosed a letter from the Customer Care Office at Preston indicating that no benefits could be gained by closing the Hesketh Bank Sorting Office in 1993/94 and it would remain open but the position may be reviewed at the end of that period. The Chairman had been invited to attend a meeting at Royal Mail, Preston last week which he could not attend but his information was similar to the above.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council
  - a. Agendas etc.

Full Council The Chairman reported that Planning Application No 08/93/0401 in respect of the Haulage Business at 410 Moss Lane had been referred to the Council with a recommendation from the Planning Control Sub-Committee for approval. Just before the Council meeting, a Solicitor's letter had been circulated which indicated that should the application be granted the Objectors would be seeking a Judicial Review. The application had, therefore, been referred back to the Planning Control Sub-Committee for further consideration and this would be given at the meeting to be held on the 9th September 1993.

b. Providing Affordable Housing in Rural Areas The 2nd Edition of the Policy Document on this subject had been received.

2. Other Matters

a. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils

i. Newsletters 3 Training Courses were to be held in the Autumn and Winter. No-one was interested in attending the October Course on Finance, whilst Mr S Trippier was interested in the December Course on How to improve your Parish Council's effectiveness.

The Home Secretary had launched a competition to find a Blueprint for a new post of Parish Constable, to include specific duties, title and uniform. It was agreed to include an item on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

b. Ribble Estuary Strategy A questionnaire had been received for completion by the 27th August 1993.

55/93 RESOLVED:- That Mr K Wareing be requested to study and complete the questionnaire in consultation with the Chairman and Professor W Kershaw.

c. A59 Bank Bridge Diversion The Department of Transport had acknowledged the Council's comments and indicated that the road markings on this stretch of the A59 were being looked at and they would endeavour to make amendments that are necessary.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

56/93 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | T & B Landscape Associates Ltd - Grasscutting<br>for July        | £ 99.88 |
| b. | Valuation Office - Land valuation                                | £ 94.00 |
| c. | Mr I J Yates - Dismantle and remove barrier at<br>Glenpark Drive | £ 66.97 |

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council - Streetcleaning £ 1620.96

3. Other Matters

a. Audit This had been completed without comment by the Auditor.

b. Sutcliffe Leisure A Credit Note had now been received in the sum of £ 11.76

c. Old Becconsall Churchyard A receipt for the donation of £37.50 had been received from Mr R Ashcroft with grateful thanks to the Parish Council.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Murder and Aggression *ST*

Mrs Celeste Schofield of MAMAA (Mothers Against Murdre and Agression) asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to purchase 'Stranger Danger' signs to be placed at the entrances to the various Play Areas. The costs were given as £21 each for free standing signs (complete with the stand) and £12 for a sign for fixing to a fixed surface e.g. a wall. In addition, the Organisation was organising a Regional Conference to be held next year which would be looking at 'Violence and Agression in Society' and donations towards the cost would be welcomed.

It was agreed to place an item on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council to discuss this request.

Mr J R Foster asked if radioactive pollution in the River Douglas had reduced and was advised that the District Council undertook monitoring of the river and had been taking readings at the Boatyard about 2 months ago. Mr Foster also indicated that Councillor B Gannaway-Jones and possibly at least one other resident of Hesketh Bank or Tarleton were involved in the Ribble Estuary Strategy.

Mr Foster asked if any children were involved in the recent 'Drugs' raid by the Police in Hesketh Bank and the Chairman indicated that his information was that only adults, in their 20's, were involved. Three persons had been arrested outside the Beconsall Hotel and the local PC was aware of the various meeting points in the area and would be monitoring the situation. In addition, Special Constables were operating in Hesketh Bank and Tarleton on Friday and Saturday evenings. The Chairman wished to place on record the Council's appreciation for the swift action taken by the Police in respect of this incident.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### 1. Weekly Lists

57/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/93/0734 Reserved matters, One detached house and new vehicular access - land adjacent to 88 Moss Lane

b. NO 08/93/0772 O/L for replacement agricultural workers' dwelling (including details of siting and means of access) - Aughton's Farm, 465 Moss Lane

### 2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 12th August 1993

#### a. Planning Applications

58/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

i. No 08/93/0138 Reserved matters, Agricultural buildings (including amended siting) - Hesketh Lodge, Dib Road - Recommendation - Granted.

ii. No 08/93/0481 O/L for erection of stables, livery accommodation (including siting and means of access) and demolition of existing glasshouses - Inglenook Nurseries, 59 Moss Lane - Recommendation - Granted.

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

- i No 08/93/0510 Conservatory and single storey extension - 46 Sidney Avenue
- ii No 08/93/0506 Single storey extension - 15 Becconsall Lane
- iii No 08/93/0546 Dormer extension - 160 Moss Lane
- iv No 08/93/0650 Dormers at rear - 130 Moss Lane

c. Appeal decision The following decision was noted:-

- E 91/39 Use of land for siting of residential caravan - 140 Station Road - Appeal dismissed, enforcement notice upheld.

3. Hesketh Bank Boatyard The Clerk reported that a reply was still awaited from the District Council.

4. Tree Warden Scheme In the light of the report given at the last meeting, the Council considered appointing Tree Wardens for the Parish. It was reported that information on grants for tree planting etc would be forwarded in due course and that there was a possibility of funds being available, in the current financial year, from the Canal Corridor Zone. It was also suggested by Mr S Trippier, that perhaps the work of the Tree Wardens could be brought under one Committee of the Council alongwith Footpaths and that the Committee be called the Environmental Committee. Mr S Trippier and Mr J R Foster, who had attended the first Training Course, had both indicated a willingness to become Tree Wardens.

59/93 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr S Trippier and Mr J R Foster be appointed as Tree Wardens for the Parish and,

2. That both Mr Trippier and Mr Foster be re-imbursed any out of pocket expenses incurred in undertaking their duties as Tree Wardens or in attending Training Courses in other parts of the County.

5. Planning Application No 08/93/0401 - Haulage Business - 410 Moss Lane

The Chairman referred to this application which would be re-considered by the Planning Control Sub-Committee on the 9th September 1993 and indicated that the Director of Development and Amenities would be preparing a new report for consideration by the Sub-Committee.

60/93 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to restate to the District Council the Parish Council's support for the application and advise the Director of Development and Amenities that members of the Parish Council have knowledge of the site being used as a haulage depot over many years.

#### HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Cropper Gardens

a. Parking of boat The Chairman reported that the boat was legally parked.

b. Street Seat

61/93 RESOLVED:- That the estimate submitted by Mr N Marsden for the repair of the seat in hardwood, in the sum of £87.45 be accepted.

2. Streetlighting, Chapel Road The County Surveyor had indicated that this had been classed as an emergency repair and the Main Contractor had been asked to deal with it immediately. However, it was reported that the light was still out.

3. Other Streetlighting It was reported that light No 1 in Chapel Gardens was out and the new light in Boundary Lane, Hundred End had been erected but not connected. The Clerk undertook to report these to the County Surveyor.

4. Hedges

a. 'Hourwatch' site A reply from the owner was awaited.

b. Shore Road The hedges on Shore Road, beyond The Walk, required cutting.

c. Station Road Mr K Wareing undertook to speak to the owner of the hedge by The Barn.

d. The Brow These hedges had now been cut.

5. Footway Improvement, The Brow The County Surveyor had indicated that this scheme was unlikely to gain a place in the Small Improvemnets Programme. He had suggested that future development off Station Road should include a planning condition that a footway be provided. It was stated that it would not be possible to place such a condition on the approval as the footway in question was on the opposite side of the road to that on which the development would take place.

62/93 RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor be requested to agree to a site meeting with the Chairman of the Council so that the problems can be explained in detail.

6. Hundred End Lane/Boundary Lane It was suggested that 'Slow' signs be erected at this point to slow down speeding traffic.

7. Litter Bin The Chairman undertook to look at the positioning of the litter bin on Shore Road near to Chapel Road as it had been reported that it was hindering the sight lines for vehicles turning right out of Chapel Road.

8. Water on road The Chairman undertook to speak to the District Council about water running from Station Road into Chapel Road.

9. Bus Shelters The County Council had approved a grant of £200 towards the cost of a new shelter estimated at £800.

63/93 RESOLVED:- That Merseybus be requested to provide an estimate for the supply and erection of a new metal/glass bus shelter to replace the shelter outside the Allotments on Shore Road (Southport to Preston side).

10. The Brow - Street nameplate Mr Skofic had complained that the new sign was not at the start of The Brow. However, previous complaints had been received because the sign was not visible from Station Road. The Chairman undertook to speak to the District Council about the problem.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

### 1. Recreation Ground

a. Use of facilities The Boys FC had thanked the Council for the donation of £200.

b. Play equipment The Insurance Company had inspected the equipment and reported that the flat seat swings needed an improved clearance. The Chairman reported that following a discussion with Mr P Cooley, the clearance had been measured and was right on the minimum limit.

64/93 RESOLVED:- That Mr P Bannister and the Chairman be authorised to raise the seats by taking the chains up one notch.

c. Rubbish on the ground It was reported that rubbish was being deposited under the hedge near to the footpath but it was not necessarily being deposited by the residents who lived adjacent to the ground.

65/93 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee be requested to discuss the problem at its next meeting.

### 2. Glenpark Drive

Barrier The wooden barrier had been removed and the Chairman had obtained an estimate from Mr I J Yates for the erection of a new metal barrier. The gap was 19m and it would take 10 barriers at a cost of £77 each plus VAT. The Clerk reported that the estimates included £1000 for Maintenance of the Recreation Grounds and Play Areas and £1200 in the Repairs and Renewals Fund.

66/93 RESOLVED:- That Mr I J Yates be authorised to erect a new barrier at a total cost of £770 plus VAT to be met as follows:-

Maintenance of Grounds	-	£385
Repairs and Renewals Fund	-	£385

### 3. Station Road Play Area

a. Fence This was still with Mr J R Foster

b. Play equipment No comments had been made by the Insurance Company following the inspection of the equipment.

## ALLOTMENTS

The Inspection had not yet taken place but Mr L Greenwood had looked at the allotments and felt that all looked well although two plots had not been seeded due to illness. Three tenants had paid the rentals for 1994/95.

## PROPOSED CIVIC SERVICE

67/93 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to speak to the three Churches about the possibility of holding a Civic Service in the Parish on a rotational basis.

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

The Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils had invited a representative of each Parish Council to meet the Lead Commissioner, Mrs Ann Levick, at the Swallow Trafalgar Hotel on the 9th September 1993 at 7.00pm. Mrs Kershaw would be attending and the Council was asked to nominate a representative.

68/93 RESOLVED:- That Mr P J Handley be nominated to represent the Parish Council at the meeting with the Lead Commissioner of the Local Government Review of Lancashire and Cumbria.

## EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

69/93 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

## HESKETH BANK SPORTS GROUND

The Sports Company had placed the Parish Council's offer on the Agenda for the AGM of the Company to be held on the 25th August 1993.

The Sports Council had indicated that the purchase of land by the Parish Council would not attract a high enough priority for a grant from the Sports Council

The Clerk had received details of Local Council borrowing and loan sanctions and the Chairman had spoken to Mr L L Watson of the LAP&TC about the procedures.

The Chairman reminded the Council that an informal approach had been made to the owners of the land adjacent to the Sports Ground who ~~has~~ appeared to be agreeable to sell the land to the Council.

70/93 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to make an official approach to the owners of the land adjacent to the Sports Ground to ascertain if they are prepared to negotiate with the Council for the purchase of some or part of the land by the Parish Council.

Steph Thp  
6 Sept 93

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 6th SEPTEMBER 1993

PRESENT:-

Mr S Trippier (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

Mesdames L Kershaw; D Trippier and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; L Greenwood; P Handley;  
and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mr M Goodier and Mrs N Goodier

Three members of the Press and Public were present.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman, the Clerk called for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Council.

71/93 RESOLVED:- That Mr S Trippier be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the remainder of the year 1993/94

MINUTES

72/93 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th August 1993 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION First line

'Murdre and Agression' to read 'Murder and Aggression'

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Ribble Estuary Strategy - Minute 55/93 The Questionnaire had been completed and returned by Mr K Wareing.

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES

73/93 RESOLVED:- That the following appointments be made to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of the former Vice-Chairman, Mr J Jackson:-

1. Allotments Committee Mr K Wareing
2. LAP&TC Area Committee Vice-Chairman ( Mr S Trippier )
3. Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee Vice-Chairman (Mr S Trippier)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

Agendas The Development & Amenities Committee included an item on Street Cleaning which indicated that unsatisfactory work levels in the 3 Parishes was running at less than 1%.

74/93 RESOLVED:- That Mr J R Foster be congratulated on the tidyness of the Parish.

*John P...*

2. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils

Annual General Meeting This would be held at County Hall, Preston on Saturday, 20th November 1993 and the Council was entitled to send 2 Voting Representatives. The Clerk undertook to speak to the Chairman about this issue.

3. Other Matters

a. Town Twinning Details of Seminars and Travel had been received.

b. Lancashire County Council Details of the Lancashire Registration (Amendment) Scheme 1993 had been received. This would have the effect of transferring the current service at Tarleton to Ormskirk on the retirement of the Registrar on 30th September 1993. The Council had previously been consulted and decided not to object. The Chairman had been consulted on this occasion and agreed that no comments be made.

75/93 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk and Chairman be confirmed.

c. Licensing Act 1964 The Council had been advised of the transfer of the licence in respect of 4-6 Station Road, Hesketh Bank. The Chairman had been consulted and, as it was a straight transfer of an existing licence, had agreed to no comments being made on the application.

76/93 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk and Chairman be confirmed.

d. CCL News and Local Council Review Copies of the latest editions had been received.

e. Mahood Brothers The latest edition of this Company's catalogue had been received and was passed to the Vice-Chairman.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

77/93 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	T & B Landscape Assoc. Ltd., - Grasscutting	£ 252.63
b.	North West Water - Water charges	£ 20.23
c.	David Ward, Wigan - Cleaning bus shelters	£ 72.00
d.	I J Yates, Mere Brow - Barrier at Glenpark Drive	£ 904.75

2. Other Matters

a. Bank Mandate

78/93 RESOLVED:- That the new Vice-Chairman, Mr S Trippier, be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Parish Council in place of Mr J Jackson.

b. Annual Audit The Auditors had reported the successful completion of the Annual Audit and there were no matters which needed to be reported to the Parish Council.

*Steph Trippier*

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. Mrs C Schofield Reminded the Council of the availability of 'Stranger Danger' signs for erection at the Play Areas in the Parish and also that her Organisation 'Mothers Against Murder And Aggression' were looking for financial assistance towards a Conference being held next year. The organisation had received a positive response to the Conference from various bodies but were looking for assistance towards the cost of stationery, postages etc. She indicated that videos on Stranger Danger were available through the Community Police Officers and an approach had been made to the District Council for financial assistance.

Mrs Trippier indicated that she was thinking of making a grant, in the region of £25, from the Layfield Charity.

The Chairman indicated that consideration of the purchase of signs would be given later in the meeting.

b. Mr J R Foster Asked about the qualifications of the members of Local Government Review Commission and was told that they were not known. Representatives of the Parish Councils in Lancashire would be meeting the Lead Commissioner later this week.

Mr Foster also indicated that the hedge by the 'Hourwatch' site had been cut but a hedge on Shore Road, near to Hundred End, required attention. Mr K Wareing undertook to speak to the owner about this latter hedge.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### 1. Weekly Lists

79/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/93/0829 O/L detached dwelling & garage including alterations to vehicular/pedestrian access (Renewal of NO 08/90/0712) - Land at 202 Moss Lane.

b. No 08/93/0824 New vehicular access - 2A Moss Lane

c. No 08/93/0858 Erection of glasshouse block & creation of water storage pit - Land at Bold Venture, Hundred End Lane

d. No 08/93/0890 2 storey domestic extension to rear elevation, conservatory to rear and attached double garage to side - 19 Granville Avenue

### 2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 9th September 1993

#### a. Applications

80/93 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on the following applications:-

1. No 08/93/0401 Produce Distribution Depot, 410 Moss Lane  
(The recommendation was for refusal but if the Sub-Committee and the Council were minded to approve the application, it should be referred to the Secretary of State for the Environment. The Chairman would be attending the meeting and speaking in support of the application).

2. No 08/93/0734 Reserved matters - 1 detached house and new vehicular access - Land adjoining 88 Moss Lane (The recommendation was for approval)

b. Approved since last meeting

1. No 08/93/0634 Extensions - 4 Charles Close
2. No 08/93/0679 Cabin for pigeon racing - Recreation Ground, Shore Road
3. No 08/93/0689 Extensions - 120 Chapel Road
4. No 08/93/0637 2 box signs - Midland Bank, 2 Station Road

c. Appeal decisions The following had been notified to the District Council:-

E92/49 Land & buildings at Belvedere Nurseries, Chapel Road - Erection of 2 vertical storage tanks. Appeal dismissed, planning permission refused.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Hedges The County Council had indicated that all owners of hedges on Shore Road were co-operating but the Chief Executive/Clerk of the County Council had been asked to serve a notice on the owners of the 'Hourwatch' site. As indicated earlier, this hedge had now been cut.

The Clerk undertook to write to the County Council about the hedges between 67 & 77 Moss Lane (opposite Granville Avenue) and the corner of Station Road and Meadow Lane.

It was felt by members of the Council that developers should be encouraged to retain hedgerows wherever possible.

81/93 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to consider including a condition in planning approvals aimed at retaining as much hedgerow as possible in rural areas.

2. Street lighting The following were reported:-

- a. Chapel Road Column 27 was now column 29 and had been repaired
- b. O/S No 1 Chapel Gardens This was a new development and had not been handed over to the County Council
- c. Boundary Lane, Hundred End The new unit had been installed and was programmed for connection within 2 weeks of 20th August 1993.
- d. Bewteen 296 & 330 Moss Lane This was still on the District Council list for a new light.

3. Bus shelters

- a. Outside Allotments (Southport to Preston side)

Mr Jones of Merseybus had met the Chairman on site and would be submitting estimates.

- b. Opposite Chapel Road (Southport to Preston side)

This required cleaning out and Mr J R Foster was asked to undertake this work.

- c. Adjacent to Chapel Road (Preston to Southport side)

Mr S Trippier undertook to look at the litter bin at this shelter and how it affected vision for vehicles turning right out of Chapel Road.

*Steph Trippier*

4. Other matters

- a. Nameplate at The Brow This was still with the Chairman
- b. Boundary Lane/Hundred End Lane - Road safety This was receiving attention and the Parish Council would be contacted again in due course.
- c. Seat at Cropper Gardens This had now been repaired and an account was handed to the Clerk.

82/93 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

Mr N Marsden - Repairs to seat £ 87.45

d. Widening of footway at The Brow This was still with the County Council.

e. Tree Wardens Mr S Trippier and Mr J R Foster had attended a training session last Saturday. The District Council would be sending the Wardens a map on which all Preserved Trees would be marked. The Wardens had been advised that they could undertake Tree Surveys aimed at providing information for the District Council on trees for possible Preservation Orders. Mention was made of an oak tree near Mill Farm, and the hedge which formed the boundary between Hesketh Bank and Tarleton.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

a. 'Stranger Danger' signs

83/93 RESOLVED:- 1. That 3 'Stranger Danger' signs be purchased from MAMAA at a cost of £12 each plus carriage and VAT (one for each Play Area), and

2. That North West Gas be asked if it would give permission for one of the signs to be affixed to the Governor Station adjacent to the Station Road Play Area.

b. Glenpark Drive Area The barrier had been erected but a number of Councillors felt that more than one estimate should have been obtained for this work although it was accepted that there was an urgent need for the barrier.

Some complaints had been received about weeds on this area and Mr J R Foster would attend to this as soon as possible.

c. Recreation Ground, Shore Road The adjustment of the swings was in hand.

d. Station Road Area The fence was in hand.

ALLOTMENTS

No official Committee Inspection had been undertaken but it was reported that the Allotments looked well. One tenant, Mr A Rostron, had been ill but he had now recovered and would be tending his plots next year. The weeds on Mr Rostron's plots had been cut down so that they did not interfere with other plots.

Steph Trippier

## VILLAGE HALL

It was reported that, following the departure of the Secretary, Mr J Jackson, a meeting had been held which had been attended by Mrs Kershaw, Mrs Trippier, Mr Handley and Mr Foster. The Chairman of the Village Hall, Mr P Watkinson, had been unable to attend. It had been decided that Mrs Trippier would act as Treasurer, Mrs Kershaw and Mrs Trippier would hold keys and display their telephone numbers inside and outside the Hall and Mr Foster would keep his eye on the premises and check for vandalism. Advice had been sought from the LAP&TC and it was suggested that the Village Hall Committee should be strengthened by the co-option of a number of Parish Councillors. It was also reported that Scarisbrick Parish Council were unable to utilise its Grant of £1,000 in this financial year and the Village Hall required some emergency repairs including repairs to the windows, a new door and upgrading of the kitchen.

The Clerk reported that a Training Day for Members of Village Hall Committees was to be held at Grimsargh on the 18th September 1993 and Mrs Kershaw undertook to find out more details.

- 84/93 RESOLVED:-
1. That Messrs P Bannister, S Trippier and K Wareing be nominated for Co-option to the Trustees of the Village Hall and
  2. That application be made to the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAP&TC for a grant of £1,000 for emergency repairs and improvements to the Village Hall.

## CIVIC SERVICE

This item was deferred until the Chairman was present.

## CASUAL VACANCY

The Clerk reported that an election had not been requested and, therefore, the Council were able to co-opt a new member as soon as practicable.

It was PROPOSED and SECONDED that Mrs H Sephton and Dr R K Gulati be co-opted to the Parish Council to fill the existing vacancy.

On a show of hands, Mrs Sephton received 5 votes and Dr Gulati received 3 votes and it was thereupon,

- 85/93 RESOLVED:- That Mrs H Sephton of Shore Road, Hesketh Bank be co-opted to the Parish Council to serve until the next elections in May 1996.


## EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

86/93 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

## HESKETH BANK SPORTS GROUND

It was reported that the Shareholders of the Sports Company had agreed in principle to the sale of the Sports Ground to the Parish Council subject to negotiation of a satisfactory contract.

- 87/93 RESOLVED:-
1. That the Sports Company be requested to meet representatives of the Council as a matter of urgency,
  2. That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mr P Bannister and Mr P Handley be appointed to represent the Council,



3. That Mrs L Kershaw be authorised to obtain an approximate cost of Solicitors Fees from Mr Davies of Rawsthorn Edelstons of Tarleton, and

4. That Mr P Bannister be authorised to advise the 3 Sports Clubs that the Parish Council will be seeking an urgent meeting, again under the Chairmanship of County Councillor R Hodge, to discuss the Clubs' requirements in relation to leases etc, such meeting to take place after the meeting between the Parish Council and the Sports Company referred to in (1) above.

LAND AT REAR OF STATION ROAD FOR ADDITIONAL SPORTS FACILITIES

This item was deferred until the Chairman was present.

Stephen T. P. P.  
4 October 93.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 4th OCTOBER 1993

PRESENT:-

Mr S Trippier (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; H Sephton; D Trippier  
and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; P J Handley and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Messrs M Goodier and L Greenwood  
and Mr B Rimmer (Clerk to the Council)

Three members of the press and public were present.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed the new Councillor, Mrs Helen Sephton, who handed in her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Chairman also announced that, in the absence of the Clerk, Councillor Mrs L Kershaw would take the Minutes.

MINUTES

88/93 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th September 1993 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 6 - Village Hall Line 5 After 'Treasurer' insert  
'Mrs Kershaw would act as Secretary'.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. LAP&TC AGM 20th November 1993 It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council would attend the meeting as voting representatives of the Council.

2. 'Stranger Danger' Signs British Gas had indicated that they did not wish a sign to be affixed to the side of the Governor Kiosk in Station Road but were willing to pay the cost of a free standing sign.

It was agreed to order 3 signs from the Royal British Legion and Councillor S Trippier undertook to fix one of them to a free standing post.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Agendas There was nothing to report.

b. Becaon Park Autumn/Winter Programme This was noted.

2. LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee - 8th October 1993

An agenda for the meeting had been received.

### 3. Other Matters

a. British Aerospace The Council noted with gratitude a letter from British Aerospace in which they indicated their intention, subject to planning and financial permissions, to build a 'Hush House' for engine testing and thus reduce the noise to which residents on both sides of the river were subjected. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of appreciation.

b. Community Council of Lancashire - Survey A questionnaire had been received concerning the number and type of businesses in the area and other related matters. This was completed at the meeting.

c. International News Magazine The latest edition had been received and was passed to Councillor Bannister.

### FINANCE

#### Accounts for payment

89/93 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | Royal British Legion Industries - 'Stranger Danger' signs | £ 47.30  |
| b. | T & B Landscape Associates Ltd - Grasscutting             | £ 99.88  |
| c. | B W Rimmer Esq - Salary & expenses                        | £ 465.77 |

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

Councillor Handley reported on a meeting between representatives of the Parishes in Lancashire with the Lead Commissioner, Ann Levick. There were two considerations, a. community identity, b. cost effective and efficient services. Mrs Levick was very much predisposed to a Unitary Authority. Her recommendations would be made to the Secretary of State for the Environment in December. The feeling of the meeting had been strongly for Unitary Authorities based on the present District Councils. Large authorities were not wanted.

A questionnaire received from the West Lancashire District Council on this subject was filled in to the effect that this Parish Council preferred a Unitary Authority based on the present West Lancashire District Council with a Joint Committee of the 14 District Councils to deal with Police, Fire and Education.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster asked whether fish from the River Douglas was edible because of sewage pollution and radioactive materials. Councillor Mrs Kershaw undertook to give him the N.R.A. monitoring details.

Mrs C Schofield of MAMAA (Mothers Against Murder And Aggression) thanked the Council for ordering 'Stranger Danger' signs and asked that the Press be invited to a photo-opportunity when the signs were erected with members of the Council and MAMAA present.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### 1. Weekly Lists

90/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/93/0909 - One detached house and detached double garage, Land adjacent to 202 Moss Lane

b. No 08/93/0953 - Reserved matters - Erection of stables/livery accommodation, Inglenook Nurseries 59 Moss Lane

### 2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 7th October 1993

The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/93/0700 - Erection of wooden shed for housing boat, 15 Moss Lane

b. No 08/93/0772 - Replacement dwelling, Aughtons Farm 465 Moss Lane

91/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on these applications.

c. No 08/93/0864 - Removal of redundant sea embankment and restoration of woodland, Land at Banks Enclosed Marsh Adjacent to Charnleys Lane Banks

Members views were sought on this application.

92/93 RESOLVED:- 1. That a strong letter be written to the County Council (with whom the final decision lay) opposing the removal of the embankment primarily on the grounds of sea defence in case of the failure of the outer bank and five other matters,

2. That a copy of the letter be sent to the District Council in time for the meeting of the Planning Control Sub-Committee.

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Bus shelters An estimate had been received from Streetwise for the removal of the old shelter on Shore Road, outside the allotments, and the erection of a new shelter. The Council felt the estimate of £336.16 (including tip charge of £60) for the demolition of the shelter to be exorbitant. Councillors Bannister and Wareing undertook to arrange for the shelter to be demolished at an estimated cost of £100.

93/93 RESOLVED:- 1. That Councillors Bannister and Wareing be authorised to arrange for the shelter outside the allotments to be demolished at an estimated cost of £100,

2. That consideration be given at the next meeting of the Council to the purchase and erection of a new shelter.

2. Hedges The County Council had written to indicate that hedges would be inspected and action taken. Councillor Mrs Kershaw reported that the overgrown hedge in Moss Lane had not yet been cut back.

3. Nameplate at The Brow In the absence of the Chairman, this item was deferred.

4. Widening of the Footway at The Brow There was still no response from the County Surveyor.

5. Boundary Lane/Hundred End Lane - Road Safety There was nothing further to report on this issue.

6. Litter Bin - Bus stop Shore Road/Chapel Road Councillor S Trippier reported that the bin was so clamped so that it could not be turned through 90°. The Clerk was asked to write to the District Council to request them to turn the bin through 90° so as not to present an obstruction to motorists turning right out of Chapel Road onto Shore Road.

7. West Lancs. Light Railway The organisation had asked if two brown signs could be provided, one at Coe Lane and one at Tarleton Traffic Lights, to guide visitors to the 'Station' in Hesketh Bank. It was pointed out that they would have to provide the finance for the signs, about £1000.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground - Swings These had not yet been raised.

2. Station Road Play Area - Fence This had not yet been repaired and there had been more vandalism. After some discussion it was

94/93 RESOLVED:- 1. That a Working Party, consisting of Councillors Wareing, Bannister, Handley, Mrs Sephton, Trippier, Mrs Trippier and Mrs Kershaw, meet on the site at 10.00 am on Saturday, 23rd October 1993,

2. That screws be used to fix the rails rather than nails, and

3. That Mr J R Foster be requested to ensure that the palings were at the site on that date.

3. Glenpark Drive Play Area

a. Weedspraying This would be done shortly.

b. Planting It was agreed to discuss this item later in the meeting when discussing tree planting, footpath and environmental issues.

#### VILLAGE HALL

Councillor Mrs Kershaw had obtained three estimates for the repair and replacement of the windows and the door but was awaiting the decision of the Area Committee of the LAPETC on the 8th October 1993 to see if the finance would be forthcoming. If it was she would immediately call a meeting of the Village Hall Trustees.

#### CIVIC SERVICE

It was reported that the Rector of All Saints was in favour of such a service but the Chairman had been unable to speak to the Methodist Minister. A report would be given to the Council at the next meeting.

## FOOTPATHS, TREE WARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

The Chairman suggested the establishment of a Committee to deal with footpaths, the tree wardens and other environmental issues. After discussion it was unanimously,

95/93 RESOLVED:- 1. That a Footpaths, Tree Wardens and Environmental Issues Committee be established with a Constitution of the Chairman plus 5 members,

2. That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillors Mrs Kershaw, Mrs Sephton, Mrs Trippier and Handley be appointed to serve on the Committee for the current year and

3. That the Committee holds its first meeting on Saturday, 23rd October 1993 at Glenpark Drive Play Area, after the Fencing Working Party has finished at Station Road, to consider the number and order of trees to be planted at Glenpark Drive Play Area.

## LOW COST HOUSING SURVEY

Tarleton Parish Council had asked if this Council wished to join with them in undertaking a survey of low cost housing in the parish. After discussion, it was unanimously,

96/93 RESOLVED:- That this Parish Council do not join with Tarleton Parish Council in undertaking a survey of the demand for low cost housing in the area.

## EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

97/93 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

## HESKETH BANK SPORTS GROUND

1. Further Meeting with Sports Company The Company were to have held a meeting on the 23rd September 1993 but no word had been received following that meeting. It was agreed not to send a follow-up letter at this stage.

2. Appointment of Solicitor to Act for the Council Councillor Mrs Kershaw reported that legal costs for the conveyance would be in the region of £500. She had asked Mr Davies of Rawsthorn Edelston to act for the Council but had not formally briefed him.

98/93 RESOLVED:- That the action of Councillor Mrs Kershaw be confirmed and that Mr Davies of Rawsthorn Edelston be asked to represent the Parish Council in this matter.

3. Land at rear of Station Road There was nothing to report.

4. Letter from member of the public sent via the District Council

Councillor Mrs Kershaw had spoken to the writer of the letter and it was agreed not to formally respond to the letter.

Mark Goss  
1st November 1993.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 1st NOVEMBER 1993

PRESENT

Mr M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; H Sephton; D Trippier  
and J Witter

Messrs L Greenwood; P Handley; S Trippier and K Wareing

Three members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

99/93 RESOLVED That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th October 1993 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk placed on record his thanks to Mrs L Kershaw for taking and preparing the Minutes of the previous meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. 'Stranger danger' signs These had been received and were with Mr S Trippier who was to arrange for their erection. The donation from British Gas was still awaited.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council - Agendas There were no items to report.
2. County Council An A-Z Guide of County Services had been received.
3. Other Matters

a. Old Becconsall Church A copy of a letter from the Diocese of Blackburn to the Director of Development & Amenities had been received which was asking if the District Council would take over responsibility for the Church. The Chairman undertook to let Mrs D Trippier know when the Committee Report was available.

100/93 RESOLVED That the District Council be requested to do all in its power to conserve the Church in its present form as it is the only public listed building in the Parish.

b. The Rural Housing Trust The Trust wanted to attend a meeting of the Council to explain its work and how it identifies housing needs in villages. The Chairman indicated that the District Council had almost committed all housing finance in the next 5 years to Housing Association sites in Burscough.

The question of a survey, discussed at the last meeting, was again raised and the Chairman indicated that the only involvement with Tarleton was that the Post Office wished to deliver survey forms in both parishes at the same at no cost to the Parish Councils. The forms would be provided by the District Council, again at no cost to the Parish, and the results would be made available to both the District Council and the Parish Council.

101/93 RESOLVED 1. That the offer of a free survey be accepted,

2. That the Rural Housing Trust be invited to address the Parish Council after the results of the survey have been published.

c. LAP&TC

1. Area Committee - 8th October 1993 The unused sum for this financial year was allocated to this Parish for use on the Village Hall. The allocations for 'A' and 'B' schemes for 1994/95 would be decided at the January meeting when the District Council allocation was known.

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

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

102/93 RESOLVED That the following accounts be paid:-

Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Annual Subscription  
£ 10.00  
D Halstead Esq - Removal of bus shelter, Shore Road  
£ 95.00

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council -  $\frac{1}{2}$  Concurrent expenditure  
£ 695.00  
- Balance of precept  
£ 2900.00  
Hesketh Bank FC - Rental for Recreation Ground  
£ 25.00

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster had picked up some pornographic literature which he gave to the Chairman who would pass it on to the local Police Officer. He also asked about representation on Police Forums and Mr Handley stated that the appointment was made by the Area Committee of the LAP&TC and not individual Parish Councils.

It was suggested that the best way to find out what the police were doing in the area was to invite them to attend the next meeting of the Council.

The Clerk was requested to ask Sgt M Duke and PC M Thackery, if available, to attend the next meeting of the Council.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly lists The following applications were considered:-

No 08/93/1002 This was on the Planning Control Sub-Committee Agenda and was dealt with later in the meeting.

No 08/93/1008 Change of use of existing shop, joiner's shop and snooker club to 4 flats; construction of 2 new flats to the rear and block of 6 garages; associated external works and landscaping and alterations to existing access - 12a Moss Lane

103/93 RESOLVED That the Director of Amenities and Development be advised that the Parish Council is not opposed to the application but is concerned about traffic and requests that the Planning Officer looks closely at the site and gives due consideration to vehicular access and movements.

No 08/93/1028 Replacement detached garage at side - 40 Norwood Avenue

104/93 RESOLVED That no comments be made on this application.

No 08/93/1044 Detached bungalow and garage and detached garage/feed store/stable at rear - Land adjacent Shore View, Guide Road

105/93 RESOLVED That no comments be made on this application.

No 08/93/1088 O/L detached house and garage (including siting and means of access) - Land adjacent 148 Chapel Road

106/93 RESOLVED That the Chairman be requested to obtain the plans for this application and further discussion be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 4th November 1993

107/93 RESOLVED That no further comments be made on these applications:-

No 08/93/0829 O/L detached dwelling and garage, including alterations to vehicular access (renewal of permission 08/90/0912) - Land adjacent 202 Moss Lane Recommendation - Delegated to Director in consultation with spokesmen subject to section 106 agreement to discontinue the use of land as a produce merchants and haulage contractors depot.

No 08/93/1002 Renewal of planning permission (08/91/0896) for retention of caravan (7'6" x 14' 6") for use as rest room in connection with market garden business - 140 Moss Lane - Recommendation - Granted to 30/4/95

108/93 RESOLVED That the following decisions of the Director be noted:-

No 08/93/0890 2 storey domestic extension - 19 Granville Avenue  
Granted

No 08/93/0426 Proposed new vehicular access - Dunkirk Farm, Shore Road  
Refused

3. Other matters

a. Application No 08/93/0864 Removal of redundant embankment - adjacent to Charnleys Lane, Banks - The Parish Council's comments would be included in the report to the County Council's Development Control Sub-Committee. It was reported that the application had now been withdrawn.

b. 'Hourwatch' site It was not possible to retain the hedges at this site as their removal was required for road safety reasons. The Council's comments would be borne in mind in respect of other applications in the vicinity of this site.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Bus shelters The Clerk reported a shortfall of £ 150.00 based on the estimate submitted by Merseybus. The Chairman undertook to contact Mr Jones and the issue would be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

2. Hedges The Moss Lane hedge had now been cut.

3. The Brow - Footway improvement A meeting was to be held on Wednesday morning to discuss this request.

4. Boundary lane/Hundred End Lane 'Slow' markings had now been painted on the carriageway of Boundary Lane just south of the telegraph poles.

5. New nameplate at The Brow This would be moved further down The Brow when the new Station Road sign was placed in position.

6. Litter bin - Shore Road/Chapel Road This was with the District Council.

7. Dog fouling The District Council would make a series of visits but this would be over a period of time. Advisory notices were to be erected. The Chairman reported he had seen the District Council Officers in the parish at night. Mrs Kershaw reminded the Council that a 'Dog Loo' was still awaited for the Station Road Play Area and the Chairman agreed to 'chase' this with the District Council.

8. Street Cleaning Discussions with a resident of Chapel Gardens was reported. Sweeping was the responsibility of the Parish Council and was attended to according to the agreed schedule. The shrubs had been planted by the developer and the Chairman had asked the District Council to let him know who was responsible for their upkeep.

9. Speed of vehicles on Moss Lane Concern was expressed about the speed of vehicles on the bend in Moss Lane near to its junction with Hesketh Lane/Station Road.

109/93 RESOLVED That the County Surveyor be requested to consider placing speed retarding lines on the carriageway of Moss Lane on the bend near to its junction of Hesketh Lane/Station Road.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground - Swings This was in the hands of the Chairman and Mr Bannister.

2. Glenpark Drive

a. Weedspraying This was in hand.

b. Trees/shrubs It was confirmed by the Clerk and the Chairman that the £200 grant from the County Council was for Glenpark Drive only. Miss Ratcliffe of the District Council had suggested 2 types of trees be planted together with adequate protection.

110/93 RESOLVED That the Footpaths, Tree Wardens and Environmental Issues Committee be authorised to choose the trees and arrange for the planting and protection.

3. Station Road Area - Fence A further 12 laths were required.

111/93 RESOLVED That Mr K Wareing be authorised to purchase 12 laths and arrange for them to be affixed to the fence.

#### VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Kershaw reported that estimates had been obtained for the work at the Village Hall but it had been decided to have the frames made and installed by a local joiner on a day work basis. Mrs Kershaw also reported on the payment of water bills for the village hall site but it was agreed that this was a matter for the Trustees.

Tipper

MG

## CIVIC SERVICE

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the Rector, who was in favour, but had so far been unable to speak to the Methodist Minister.

## LANCASHIRE STRUCTURE PLAN

The Plan was out for public consultation and a meeting would be held on the 23rd November 1993 at Skelmersdale Arts Centre to which the Council had been invited to send 2 representatives.

112/93 RESOLVED That Mrs D Trippier be authorised to attend the meeting in Skelmersdale as the representative of the Parish Council.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

A meeting had been held in Ormskirk hosted by the District Council which had outlined the District Council position. The County Council were to host a meeting on 8th November 1993 at Cross Hall High School, Ormskirk when County Councillor Mrs L J Ellman would be outlining the County's position.

## FOOTPATHS, TREE WARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

It was noted that National Tree Week would be held from the 25th November to 5th December 1993 inclusive and that Messrs S Trippier and J R Foster, the Tree Wardens, had been invited to attend a Tree Planting and Management Training Day at Witton Country Park, Blackburn on Saturday, 6th November 1993.

## ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that The Cropper Brothers had given notice that they did not wish to continue with the tenancies of Allotments Nos 2, 3 and 20. All other tenants had paid the rental for next year.

113/93 RESOLVED That the Allotments Committee be requested to consider the situation and bring forward proposals to the next meeting of the Council.

## HESKETH BANK SPORTS GROUND

It was reported that the Sports Company had invited representatives of the Council to meet them at Henry Alty's Offices on Wednesday, 3rd November 1993 at 8.00pm. The representatives, Messrs Goodier, Trippier, Bannister and Handley were all able to attend this meeting.

114/93 RESOLVED That the Parish Council representatives at the forthcoming meeting with the Sports Company be authorised to agree the terms for the sale of the Sports Ground to the Parish Council, provided such terms are in line with the matters previously agreed by the Council, and also be authorised to brief the Solicitor acting for the Parish Council.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This would be held on Sunday, 14th November 1993 and Parish Councillors intending to attend the Service were requested to meet outside the Church at 10.15am.

Mrs J Witter had called to collect the wreath and had been told it had already been collected. It was agreed that Mrs Witter be asked to call again at Mr Robinson's to trace the whereabouts of the wreath.

## DATE OF FUTURE MEETING

115/93 RESOLVED That the meeting scheduled for Monday 3rd January 1994 be moved to Tuesday 4th January 1994 to avoid meeting on a Bank Holiday.

Mark Good.

29/11/93.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 29th NOVEMBER 1993

PRESENT:- Mr M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; H Sephton; D Trippier  
and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; L Greenwood; P Handley; S Trippier  
and K Wareing

Two members of the Press and Public were present.

MINUTES

116/93 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st November 1993 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK (Sgt M Duke and PC M Thackery in attendance)

Reference was made to the pornographic literature handed to PC Thackery which had been disposed. As it appeared to be one-off there was very little the Police could do but they would keep their eyes open.

Sgt Duke reported that in the 4 Rural Beats, crime upto 1st November 1993 was 130 offences down on the same period as last year with burglaries few and far between although a shop had had some stock stolen just last week. Burglaries were down to just 40 cases and the detection rate at 43% was high when compared with other Police Divisions.

The Police were still encouraging people to telephone and report incidents as they happen as some residents appeared to be reluctant to do so.

It was suggested that because PC Thackery had a child attending the local school, the atmosphere between him and the other children was very friendly. He did undertake to keep a watch on the school at weekends whilst the extensions were being undertaken as children had been climbing on the scaffolding.

In response to a comment about dogs roaming the streets, the Police indicated that specified breeds did require a licence and to be muzzled. It appeared a Great Dane was causing problems and the Police should be contacted if this persisted. The Chairman said that the Dog Wardens would also come out if the dog was causing problems.

Sgt Duke confirmed that the same strategy would continue in the 4 Parishes and Officers would be working out of Tarleton throughout the 24 hour period. In addition Plain Clothes Teams from Ormskirk and Skelmersdale were available if required. He was now based at Burscough but still responsible for this area.

In response to a question about drugs, the Police felt that only small time operators were working in this area but the situation was continually being monitored.

The Chairman thanked Sgt Duke and PC Thackery for attending the meeting and the Clerk was asked to write to the Sub-Divisional Commander to the effect that the Parish Council would be pleased if the current high standards of policing were continued.

## MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Rural Housing Trust The Trust would provide assistance to analyse the results of the survey being carried out.
2. Village Hall The equipment was now ready and would be installed in the near future. In addition, the Water Bill payment had been resolved.
3. Local Government Review The District Councils in Lancashire had met to discuss what proposals they could put forward and were said to be looking at 8/9 Unitary Authorities.
4. Remembrance Sunday The wreath had been located and collected by Mrs Witter. Comments had been made at the Church about the lack of Members of the Council at the Service.

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council The Development & Amenities Committee Agenda indicated that complaints in the Parishes undertaking their own street cleaning were running at less than 1%. It was stated that it was significant that there were less leaves on the ground in Hesketh Bank than in Tarleton.
2. County Council A poster, booklets and leaflets had been received from the Welfare Rights Service.
3. LAP&TC
  - a. Annual General Meeting Mr Len Watson had given a talk on the Local Government Review in Lancashire. The result of the questionnaires to Parish Councils had shown that 40% were in favour of the status quo, with 60% in favour of various combinations of Unitary Authorities. These results had been forwarded to the Commission.

A number of resolutions had been dealt with in the afternoon session and the County Council had offered a Banquet to mark the 100th Anniversary of Parish Councils.

4. Other Matters
  - a. CCL News and CCL Annual Report These had been received.
  - b. Local Charity Magazine This had been received together with a list of other magazines available from ACRE.
  - c. Local Government International Bureau Details of future Seminars had been received.

## FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

117/93 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. North West Water - Water charges          | £ 17.37  |
| b. T & B Landscape Associates - Grasscutting | £ 99.88  |
| c. Ernst & Young - Audit Fee                 | £ 115.27 |

(In respect of this account the Clerk was requested to ask for the reasons for the increase over last years account)

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

- a. British Gas North West - Contribution to sign £ 14.04
- b. West Lancashire District Council - Cat. A Scheme £ 1000.00
- c. West Lancashire District Council - Cleansing payment £ 1620.95

3. Estimates 1994/95 The District Council would maintain concurrent expenditure at this years level until an indication of the D. of E. settlement levels for RSG are known.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster raised a number of issues as follows:-

1. Local Government Review He handed a letter to the Chairman about the statutory powers of Parish Councils and capping levels for expenditure following the establishment of new Councils.

2. Old Hallow Farm He said that a report in the paper about Ribble Hall Farm should possibly be in relation to Old Hallow Farm and this was confirmed by the Chairman who said that it was co-incidence that an application in respect of a Waste Paper Business and been lodged at the same time as the one for the removal of the embankment.

#### PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists The following were considered:-

a. No 08/93/1108 O/L for 1 detached bungalow (including details of siting and means of access) - Land rear of 176 Station Road  
This would be dealt with by the Committee.

118/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. No 08/93/1114 Off road driver training park including conversion of existing building to provide reception/office, toilets and refreshment area - Old Railway Yard, Hundred End Lane  
This would be dealt with by the Committee.

It was suggested that this was not an appropriate use of Green Belt land but it would be a good site for a produce merchants or distribution centre.

119/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/93/1132 Detached dwelling house and alterations to existing vehicular/pedestrian access - 198 Moss Lane  
This would be dealt with by the Committee.

120/93 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council support this application of the grounds that it is genuine, the applicant has worked all his life in horticulture and development was allowed next door with no restrictions.

d. No 08/93/1143 O/L for detached bungalow and garage including details of siting and means of access. New vehicular/pedestrian access to existing dwelling - Land at rear of 163 Station Road  
This would be dealt with by the Committee.

121/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

M.G.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 2nd December 1993

a. Enforcement Action - No E93/57 Dunkirk Farm, Shore Road  
Creation of vehicular access.

Remove access surface material, reinstate highway kerb and verge, close gap for access by planting hedge. Compliance within one month.

b. Approved since last meeting

No 08/93/0824 New vehicular access - 2A Moss Lane

3. Planning Application No 08/93/1088 O/L for detached house and garage (including siting and means of access) - Land adjacent to 148 Chapel Road  
This would be dealt with by the Committee.

122/93 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that the access, via an unmade, unlit road, has not been altered since a similar application was refused in 1985.

4. Planning Application No 08/93/0642 Certificate of lawfulness for use of caravans for residential purposes - Douglas Boatyard, Becconsall Lane

The Planning Officer had indicated that it had not been determined because the applicant had not provided evidence to substantiate the claim that the use is lawful. The application refers to 4 caravans. If granted, a specific number of caravans will be approved and a further application required if that number was increased.

The Magistrates Court had adjourned the case in June to enable a submission for a certificate of lawful use. If the use was proven, the enforcement action would be withdrawn.

5. Other Matters

a. Application No 08/93/0864 Removal of redundant embankment, Banks

The County Council had advised that the application had been withdrawn on the eve of the Development Control Sub-Committee meeting.

b. Draft Lancashire Structure Plan Mrs Trippier had not attended the meeting in Skelmersdale on the 23rd November 1993 due to the heavy fog on that night.

c. Ganneys Wood It was indicated that trees were being cut down in this wood but it appeared that a Tree Preservation Order had now been placed on the trees.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Bus Shelter o/s Allotments (Southport to Preston side)

The Chairman had spoken to Mr V Jones of Merseybus who had said that a number of shelters were being replaced in Liverpool and he would put a good one on one side, clean it up and submit a price for its supply and erection. He also undertook to replace the pane of glass in the shelter on Station Road at the junction of Rankin Avenue.

## 2. The Brow, Station Road

The Chairman had met the County Surveyor's representative at the site to discuss the Parish Council's request for the footpath to be widened. The owners of the land were willing to sell to the County Council but a survey had shown that it was unstable and a double skin wall of re-inforced concrete would be required. The likely cost was between £20,000 and £25,000. In order for the work to be completed, two Tree Preservation Orders would have to be removed. The County Surveyor would be writing to the District Council to suggest that the developers of the 'Hourwatch' site should either pay the whole cost of the scheme or make a sizeable contribution to the cost.

## 3. Streetcleaning

The Chairman reported that Brophy's would be attending to the shrubs in Chapel Gardens whilst the Parish Council's contractor had already swept the road.

123/93 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to provide additional finance to the Parish Council in respect of the street sweeping of Chapel Gardens.

## 4. Footpath 35 - Dib Road

A sign had been erected 'Strictly Private - Access to Farms and land only'. The County Surveyor had been advised but the sign was still in place.

124/93 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to advise the County Council that the sign was inappropriate on a public footpath and that the footpath was marked on the Old Hesketh Estates Map as an Occupational Road. M.G.

## 5. Bus Service No 723 - Southport to Bishop Rawstone School

This bus was late nearly every morning and on one occasion did not turn up at all.

125/93 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ask the County Council to look at the performance of the operator of this service and take whatever action is deemed appropriate.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

Glenpark Drive Area Mr S Trippier was to organise a digging party for the shrubs etc to be planted on this site.

## ALLOTMENTS

Mr P Bannister reported that, as a result of the Cropper Brothers giving up their plots, the Allotments Committee had recommended that Mr M Whiteside be allocated Plots Nos 1, 2 & 3, and Mr S Trippier be allocated the two vacant plots, Nos 5 & 6 in addition to plot 7.

126/93 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr M Whiteside be allocated Plots 1, 2 & 3 and Mr S Trippier be allocated Plots Nos 5, 6 & 7,

2. That the tenant of Plot No 19 be asked if would like to take on Plot No 20,

3. That no further extensions of buildings etc be allowed on the allotments, and

4. That in the event of an application being received for an allotment, the last tenant to be allocated three plots will be the first tenant to give up one of those plots.

#### ALL SAINT'S CE SCHOOL - REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNOR

127/93 RESOLVED:- That Mr L Greenwood be re-appointed to represent the Parish Council on the Governing Body of All Saint's CE School.

#### CIVIC SERVICE

The Chairman reported that the Minister of the Methodist Church had now agreed in principle to a Service as had the Rector of All Saint's Church. It had been suggested that any proceeds from the service should be shared equally between the Church and Local Charities but it should be a local event for the benefit of local people. It must also be borne in mind that 1994 is the Centenary of Parish Councils.

128/93 RESOLVED:- 1. That the holding of a Civic Service in Hesketh Bank be deferred until 1994 after the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, and

2. That the incoming Chairman of the Council be authorised to decide the venue for the Service to be held in the Summer of 1994.

#### HESKETH BANK SPORTS GROUND

The representatives of the Parish Council had met the Sports Company to discuss detailed terms for the purchase of the Sports Ground. The representatives had been authorised to agree the terms on behalf of the Council and had agreed the following conditions which had been insisted upon by the Company:-

1. The land to be used for recreational purposes only,
2. No sport to be played on a Sunday before 12 noon,
3. All Sports Clubs who require it, must be given a 28 year lease, and
4. Annual rentals to be fixed to the cost of living index unless a greater amount, to be spent on improving the site, is agreed between the Council, as owners, and the Clubs, as tenants.

After the meeting, the Chairman had contacted the Council's Solicitor and asked him to proceed on the basis of the conditions as set out above.

#### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

The Chairman reminded members that because of the New Year Bank Holiday, the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 4th January 1994.

In closing the meeting, the Chairman wished all members a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Mark Gould

4<sup>th</sup> January 1994.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH JANUARY 1994

PRESENT:-

Mr M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; H Sephton and D Trippier

Messrs P Bannister; L Greenwood; S Trippier and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mrs J Witter and Mr P J Handley.

Three members of the press and public were present.

NEW YEAR

The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing everyone present a Happy New Year.

MINUTES

129/93 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th November 1993 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 5 Item 5 'Bishop Rawstrone' to read 'Bishop Rawstorne'.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Policing in Hesketh Bank Superintendent A Lincoln from Skelmersdale had thanked the Council for their kind comments and undertaken to continue the commitment to the community in the months to come.

2. Crossens to Croston School Bus Service The Company had been called to a meeting at County Hall about this service and a route from the Depot to Crossens had been agreed and the bus would leave the depot 5 minutes earlier. Season Tickets were available for short journeys, i.e. Hesketh Bank to Tarleton and replacement buses for breakdowns had been provided within a reasonably short period of time.

Further concerns should be reported to Mr P Stockton or Mr C Lewis on Preston (0772) 264565.

3. Footpath No 35 Mr P Handley had advised the Clerk and the County Surveyor had confirmed in writing, that the Footpath sign overruled the private notice. 2/3 small footpath arrows had been placed at the location. The prohibitive notice had since been removed.

VILLAGE HOUSING - HESKETH BANK Miss Katy Scivyer of the Rural Housing Trust attended for this item.

Miss Scivyer explained that she normally visited Councils before a survey was undertaken with a follow up visit after the results had been analysed. The Final return date in Hesketh Bank was 25th January 1994 although a number of questionnaires had already been returned.

She explained why a survey was needed and how the results were analysed. She also outlined the decisions which needed to be taken by the Council following the completion of the analysis.

MG.

Miss Scivyer explained how a possible site could be identified and the processes required to obtain the necessary finance and planning approval. The District Council could grant an exceptional permission for the erection of low cost housing subject to a Section 106 Agreement which would set down who would be entitled to purchase such properties.

She also described the role played by the English Village Housing Association which would remain as the owners of 50% of each property and ensure that only local people could buy and occupy the premises.

Miss Scivyer answered a number of questions from members and indicated that a second survey would be undertaken before a scheme was commenced; that EVHA worked on a density of 12 houses per acre; that an underprovision was built into each scheme and this could be further increased by the Parish Council if it so wished; and that the advantage of the 50% ownership model was that no public subsidy was required.

Miss Scivyer agreed to return to the Parish Council on the 28th March 1994 by which time the results of the survey would be available.

### CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council Agendas & Minutes There were no items to report.

2. County Council

Tarleton Register Office This had closed on 31st October 1993 and the service transferred to Greetby Buildings, Ormskirk which was open as follows:-

Monday	1000 to 1300 and 1400 to 1630
Tuesday to Friday	1400 to 1630

3. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils

#### Newsletter

1. Local Government Review in Lancashire The County Council still favoured the status quo whilst the Districts were favouring 9 or 8 Unitary Authorities. The County Council was seeking a Judicial Review of the Secretary of State's decision to 'change the rules' although submissions were still required by 25th February 1994.

2. 100th Anniversary Dinner This would be restricted to Clerks and Councillors only, with a minimum of 10 years service. Full details to be circulated at a later date.

3. 100th Anniversary Raffle Tickets at 50 pence each were available from the Clerk.

4. National Rivers Authority 'Hotline' for Emergencies

The 'Hotline' number was 0800 80 70 60.

West Lancashire Area Committee To be held on 14th January 1994 at Ormskirk at 7.30pm.

4. Council for Protection of Rural England Conference on Urban Depredation on 24th February 1994. No-one interested in attending.

M.G.

5. Information about The Parish A request had been received from Australia for information about the Parish. Members agreed to bring information to the next meeting and the Clerk undertook to write to Mr Perkins, Mr A Kirk and Mrs S Whittingham about information they may have available.

#### FINANCE

130/93 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

Mr D Ward - Cleaning bus shelters	£ 72.00
Mr B Rimmer - Clerk's salary & expenses	£ 438.93

Receipts The following were noted:-

NORWEB - Wayleave	£ 61.47
Mr S Trippier - Allotment rent (2 plots)	£ 20.00

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr H Scambler reported why the prohibition notice had been placed on Footpath No 35. The road had been tarmaced by the farmers but vehicles were going down to dump rubbish, including in the ditch, cars were being parked across gates stopping the farmers getting access and cars had been abandoned. There remained access for walkers via a stile and no-one had been stopped from going down the road. He did not know who had removed the sign.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Legal Department of the District Council, the Legal Department of the NALC and the Enforcement Officer of the District Council regarding the various problems outlined by Mr Scambler.

Mr J R Foster was advised that the Parish Council was only buying the Sports Field land all income and expenditure would be publically documented in the Parish Council Accounts; the Parish Council was receiving a Grant for the purchase of the land; and the various Sports Clubs could obtain individual grants for development once long term leases had been granted to them by the Parish Council.

#### PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists A number of applications were considered.

131/93 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/93/1209 Single storey rear extension, 53 Chapel Road
- b. No 08/93/1218 O/L replacement dwelling including details of means of access, 369 Moss Lane
- c. No 08/93/1246 Single storey extension on 2 sides of property, 2 Rose Gardens

2. That the Chairman be authorised to ascertain the exact location of the following application:-

No 08/93/1256 Diversion of 11,000 volt overhead electricity line, Land off Chapel Road

M G.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 6th January 1994

Applications for consideration

132/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/93/1143 O/L detached bungalow and garage including details of siting and means of access. New vehicular/pedestrian access to existing, Rear of 163 Station Road (Recommendation - Granted)

b. No 08/93/0953 Erection of stables/livery accommodation, Inglenook Nurseries, 59 Moss Lane (Recommendation - Granted)

Applications approved since last meeting

The following were noted:-

a. No 08/93/0909 One detached house and detached double garage, Land adjacent to 202 Moss Lane

b. No 08/93/1044 Detached bungalow and garage and detached garage/feed store/stable at rear, Land adjacent 'Shore View', Guide Road

c. No 08/93/1028 Replacement detached garage at side, 40 Norwood Avenue

d. No 08/93/0858 Erection of glasshouse block and creation of water storage pit, Land at 'Bold Venture', Hundred End

e. No 08/93/0401 Retention of use and enlargement of yard for purpose of Produce Distribution Centre with associated landscaping and alterations to existing vehicular access, G & A Produce, 410 Moss Lane (The Chairman reported that an application to amend the permission granted to enable vehicles to enter the site overnight, if delayed, had now been lodged with the District Council).

3. Lancashire County Planning - New County Planning Officer (Graeme Bell)

A letter of introduction had been received with a plan of the Parish. Additional large scale plans were available if required.

133/93 RESOLVED:- That the County Planning Officer be requested to provide a large plan of the Parish for display purposes.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Streetcleaning The District Council would be issuing a Variation Order in respect of the additional work at Chapel Gardens.

2. Boundary Meanygate Flytipping was taking place and the Clerk undertook to report the matter to the District Council.

3. Station Road/Meadow Lane The Clerk undertook to report the flooding at this junction.

M G.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Glenpark Drive Area The shrubs would be planted on Saturday, 5th February 1994 at 10.00am.

2. Equipment A catalogue had been received from Yates (Playgrounds)

## FOOTPATHS, TREE WARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

1. Footpaths 12 & 13 Diversion The County Council had officially notified the Parish Council about the proposed diversion of these footpaths from the line of the former embankment to the seaward side of Carr Heys Watercourse.

2. Tree Wardens A Woodland Management Training Day was being held on 15th January 1994 at Witton Country Park and Messrs Trippier and Foster were aware of the arrangements. A copy of the Lancashire Tree Warden News had also been received.

## ALLOTMENTS

134/93 RESOLVED:- 1. That Plot No 20 be allocated to Mr J S Bibby, and  
2. That Mr P Bannister be requested to clarify the address of Mr Bibby.

## HESKETH BANK SPORTS GROUND

135/93 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to contact the Parish Council's Solicitor with regard to the exchange of contracts for the purchase of the Sports Ground.

Mark Goch.

31<sup>st</sup> January 1994.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 31st JANUARY 1994

PRESENT:- Mr M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; H Sephton; D Trippier  
and J Witter.

Messrs P Bannister; L Greenwood; P J Handley; S Trippier  
and K Wareing

Two members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

136/93 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th January 1994 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

History of Parish The Council were advised of information received from various sources and Mrs D Trippier had prepared a small booklet of facts on the history.

137/93 RESOLVED:- (1) That Mrs D Trippier be thanked for preparing the booklet, and

(2) That a copy of the booklet be forwarded to the gentleman in Australia.

Footpath No 35 The NALC had advised that it was a criminal offence to drive a vehicle on a footpath but it was difficult to get the police to institute proceedings and, therefore, the law was not enforced effectively or not at all. It was suggested that a gate and/or stile could be erected or the Magistrates Court could be asked to stop up part of the highway by reducing the footpath to about 4 feet wide but the costs would be met by the real applicant i.e the farmer. The Farmers had a right to close the gate restricting public access via the stile. Mrs Trippier had a copy of the Estate Sale Catalogue of 1915 which set out the status of the footpath.

It was agreed that the Farmers be advised to contact the Highways Authority to ask for action to be taken.

Fly Tipping The Clerk reported that, under the terms of the Street Cleaning contract, the Parish Council were responsible for removing materials fly tipped and payment would only be made for large quantities. The District Council Officers had not found any rubbish in Boundary Meanygate. The District Council would, however, erect a 'No Tipping' sign on Footpath No 35.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

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## 2. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish and Town Councils

Centenary Dinner This would be hosted by the Chairman of the County Council on 28th February 1994.

It was agreed that Mrs D Trippier be nominated to attend the Dinner.

b. Training Day on Planning - 5th February 1994 No member wished to attend this Day.

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

d. Spring Conference - 25th/26th/27th March 1994 No member expressed an interest in attending.

e. Area Committee Report The Local Government Review had restarted in December with submissions due by February 1994. The Review should be completed by the end of 1994. The County Council still favoured the status quo whilst the District Councils were split between 8 and 9 Unitary Authorities options. The County Council had won its High Court action but the effect was not yet known.

Other subjects discussed were train services between Southport and Manchester, power failures in Mere Brow, Halsall, Scarisbrick and Downholland and the lack of notices inside buses about Christmas services.

The meeting had discussed Parish Council Schemes and this Parish had been granted an 'A' for £1,000. Parbold had a 'C' Scheme costing £25,000 and the 'B' Schemes would be allocated after the District Council had indicated the funds which would be available.

## 3. Other Matters

a. North West in Bloom Seminar This was to be held on the 14th February 1994.

b. Lancashire Rural Action for the Environment Details have been received.

c. West Lancashire Enterprise Trust Details of the new address had been received.

## FINANCE

1. 'A' Scheme It was reported that the account had now been received from G Hale Esq. of Hesketh Bank and the Clerk undertook to request payment of the grant from the District Council.

2. War Memorial Mrs D Trippier suggested that a plinth should be placed at the base of the War Memorial and it was agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster confirmed that British Gas had sought the permission of 14 farmers to use the road down to the drilling site and they had been compensated for damage caused during the operations.

Mr Foster also asked for confirmation, which was given, that only fly tipping on the side of the road should be removed under the street cleaning contract.

Mr Foster referred to a recent death in a car accident and asked if it would be possible to introduce a Bye Law aimed at stopping people drinking and driving by introducing facilities to take a breath test before getting behind the wheel of a car. The Chairman said that such action was not possible under existing legislation but that increased patrols were perhaps the answer.

### PLANNING MATTERS

#### 1. Weekly Lists

138/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/93/1294 - Modification of condition No 6 (relating to hours of movement to and from the site) imposed on application No 08/93/0401 - 410 Moss Lane,

b. No 08/93/1287 - Part single/part two storey extension to side elevation, conversion of existing garage to lounge and new pitched roof to replace existing flat roof - 8 Woodlee Road,

c. No 08/94/0018 - Erection of windbreak - Westgate Farm, Guide Road

#### 2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 3rd February 1994

##### a. Applications for Determination

1. No 08/93/1218 - O/L replacement dwelling including details of means of access - 369 Moss Road.

The recommendation was for refusal but the Chairman was to ask for this application to be approved.

2. NO 08/93/1246 - Single storey extension to front and rear, 2 metre high boundary wall to side - 2 Rose Gardens.

The recommendation was for refusal but the Chairman was to ask for a site visit.

b. Application approved since last meeting The following was noted:-

No 08/93/1209 - Single storey rear extension - 53 Chapel Road.

#### 3. Other Matters

Woodlee Road It was reported that 5 pallets of bricks were stacked outside No 2. It was agreed to leave the issue for the time being and consider again if building starts on the site.

### HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Moss Lane - Slow markings The County Surveyor had responded that this problem was common throughout Lancashire. Experiments were being undertaken in various parts of the County to reduce accidents but he was not able to offer any help at present.

2. Street Cleaning A Variation Order had now been issued in respect of the work required in Chapel Gardens.

It was reported that a large amount of soil was present in the gutters in Shore Road which had come from the building works at the School. The Chairman had spoken to the Foreman about similar problems in School Fold which had resulted in that road being scrubbed clean by the contractor. He undertook to speak to the firm about Shore Road and ask them to clean the road before finally leaving the site.

3. Other Matters

a. Station Road/Meadow Lane This problem had been referred to the County Council.

b. Station Road - Speeding The Chairman undertook to speak to the Police about erecting signs to slow down traffic. It was also suggested that 'Drive Carefully through the Village' signs could be utilised.

c. Guide Road It was reported that a lot of surface water was collecting on Guide Road and in the past the County Council had cut channels through the grass verge to allow the water into the ditches. It was suggested that a more long term solution was required.

139/93 RESOLVED:- (1) That the County Council be requested to consider extending the footpath upto the bend in the road, which would cover most of the dwellings on the road,

(2) That, as an intermediary solution, the County Council be requested to lower the level of the grass verge to provide for the water to run into the ditches without hinderance, and

(3) That, as a last resort, the County Council be requested to re-cut the channels over the grass verges to enable the water to drain away.

d. Cutting of Grass Verges The Clerk was requested to ask the County Council about the cutting of verges in the next financial year, and, if the County Council are to retake control, the frequency of the cuts.

e. School Fold - Flooding This issue had been reported to the District Council and the Chairman and Mr P Bannister would be meeting Officers of the District Council to discuss the problems.

f. Dog Fouling It was thought that the fouling Bye Laws only related to the footways and not the carriageways. A lady whose husband used a wheelchair had complained about the amount of fouling on footways in the village. The Chairman had spoken to District Council Officers who would be mounting additional patrols outside office hours and additional signs would be erected.

g. Bus Shelter - Shore Road The Chairman undertook to speak to Mr Jones of Merseybus about the new shelter.

h. Village Hall Access Road This was the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee.

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i. School Fold Hedge Contractor's vehicles had been reversing onto the Recreation Ground in order to turn round in School Fold. The Chairman had requested Mr N Marsden to put two posts in the gap in the hedge to stop this practice.

140/93 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Chairman, in authorising the erection of two posts to fill a gap in the School Fold hedge, be confirmed.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

##### 1. Inspection of equipment

a. Shore Road The Inspector had again referred to the height of the flat seat swings. It was agreed that the Chairman should contact the Inspector and arrange to meet him on site to discuss this issue.

b. Station Road The suspension chains on the swings should be replaced within 2 months and the plastic caps on the vertical supports on the activity unit required replacing. The equipment had been installed by Russell Leisure and it was felt that they should replace the chains.

141/93 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to contact Russell Leisure regarding their responsibility in the replacement of the worn suspension chains and also to order new plastic caps for the vertical supports to the activity unit.

#### ALLOTMENTS

Mr M Whiteside had accepted plots Nos 2 & 3. It was confirmed that Mr J.S Bibby lived at 287 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton. He had paid the rental of £10 for Plot No 20.

#### REVENUE ESTIMATES 1994/95 AND REVISED ESTIMATES 1993/94

1. Revised Estimates 1993/94 The Clerk reported that the Estimates for 1993/94 were likely to be overspent by £753, mainly due to the increased cost of grass cutting on the verges, additional expenditure on the maintenance of recreation grounds and the increased cost of insurance.

142/93 RESOLVED:- That the Revised Estimates for 1993/94, in the sum of £7550, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book, be approved.

2. Revenue Estimates 1994/95 The Clerk submitted his proposals for the year 1994/95 which were based on the likely out-turn figures for 1993/94. He had included an amount of 1.5% for wage increases for the Clerk's salary and the wages of the Lengthsman.

The Clerk referred to the amount added to the precept in 1993/94 for the purchase of additional land for recreational purposes, which had been £5,000. If a similar amount was added to the estimates for 1994/95, the precept would rise by about 10%.

It was PROPOSED and SECONDED that an amount of £5,000 be added to the estimates for the purchase of additional land for recreational purposes, to which an amendment was PROPOSED and SECONDED that an amount of £4,000 be added to the estimates for that purpose.

Upon being put to a show of hands, the amendment was defeated, whereupon it was:-

143/93 RESOLVED:- (1) That the Clerk's salary be increased to £1584 per annum with effect from the 1st April 1994,

611 *St.* (2) That the wages paid to Mr J R Foster be increased to £~~66~~.94 per month plus expenses of £23.56 per month giving a grand total of £635.50 per month with effect from the 1st April 1994,

(3) That the estimates for 1994/95 be approved in the sum of £7,824 as set out in the copy which appears in the Minute Book,

(4) That an amount of £5,000 be added to the continuation estimates for the purchase of additional land for recreational facilities,

(5) That the District Council be requested to pay a precept of £11,400 as set out in the copy which appears in the Minute Book, and

(6) That the Clerk be requested to remind the Auditors that a reply was still outstanding to the request for information on the rise in the cost of the audit in 1993.

#### HESKETH BANK SPORTS GROUND

The Chairman had contacted the Chairman of the Sports Ground Company and a draft contract had been received by the Council's Solicitor.

The Chairman had gone through the contract with the Solicitor and agreed a number of minor amendments. The contract would include provision for the Parish Council to enter into contracts with the various sports clubs and also a clause preventing the Council selling the land for development.

On this latter point, the District Council also wanted a similar undertaking and it was felt that the clause in the contract would be sufficient.

144/93 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, in consultation with the Clerk, as necessary, be authorised to finalise the contract for the purchase of the Sports Ground from the Hesketh Bank Sports Company.

*Steph Thpp*

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 28th FEBRUARY 1994

PRESENT:-

Mr S Trippier (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

Mesdames L Kershaw; H Sephton and J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; L Greenwood; P J Handley  
and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mr M Goodier (Chairman),  
Mrs N Goodier and Mrs D Trippier.

Two members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

145/93 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment,  
the Minutes of the meeting held on the 31st January 1994 be confirmed and  
signed by the Chairman:-

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£66.94 to read £611.94

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

LAP&TC Centenary Dinner The Clerk reported that despite this Council's  
nomination being faxed to the Association by the relevant date, Mrs D  
Trippier had only been added onto the reserve list. As a result of the  
telephone conversation between the Clerk and Mr R C Davey, Honorary Secretary,  
it now appeared that Mrs Trippier had received a belated invitation.

The Clerk was requested to write to the Association to pass on this Council's  
dismay at the way the whole issue had been handled.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Agendas and Minutes There were no items affecting this  
Parish.

b. Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee The latest position  
on the Local Government Review had been given and consideration had also  
been given to 'B' and 'C' Schemes. Burscough Parish Council's request  
had been reduced to £11,000 on account of Grants being made by the District  
Council and Parbold Parish Council's 'C' Scheme had been approved.

2. LAP&TC

a. Three Mile Limit for Councillors

146/94 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council support the retention of  
the Three Mile Limit for Parish Councillors.

b. Royal Visit to Blackpool - 22nd July 1994

147/93 RESOLVED:- That Mrs D Trippier and Mr P Bannister be nominated  
to represent the Parish Council at the Royal Visit to Blackpool.

c. Royal Garden Party - 21st July 1994

148/93 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Mr M Goodier, be nominated for inclusion in the ballot for places at the Royal Garden Party.

d. Legal Topic Note - Control of Dogs A copy of this revised note had been received.

e. CCL Village Events 1994 Details were noted.

f. Rural Arts Action - Arts Workshops A series of workshops would be held at Tarleton High School on the 20th March 1994.

g. West Lancashire Music Association The Association was looking for venues for events.

3. Ribble Estuary Strategy A newsletter had been received.

4. Best Kept Village Competition 1994 Details had been received and would be passed to the Chairman.

5. Other Matters

a. Twining Seminar - 18th May 1994 No-one was interested in attending.

b. Register of Electors - 1994 The list had been received.

c. WLDC Statement of Accounts to 31st March 1993 This had been received.

d. Lancashire Record Office Roadshow This would be in Skelmersdale on the 16th April 1994 and at Jumbles Country Park on the 20th August 1994.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

149/93 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	Community Council of Lancashire - Best Kept Village Competition	
	Entry Fee	£ 7.50
b.	North West Water - Water charges	£ 20.23
c.	G Hale Esq. - Works at Village Hall	£1000.00
d.	Mahood Brothers - Shrubs	£ 166.31

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

a.	West Lancashire District Council - 'A' Scheme grant	£1000.00
b.	West Lancashire District Council - Cleaning payment	£1628.56

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster referred to activity at the top end of Dib Road which he believed was still a prime site for nuclear waste. It was suggested, however, that the water table was too high.

Mr Foster also asked if footpaths had priority over other roads and was advised that issues received appropriate attention by the County Council.

M.G.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/94/0071 - Siting of 120' x 30' polytunnel, Douglas View, Marsh Road

150/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. No 08/94/0079 - Provision of 4m and 3.5m windbreaks, Hundred End Nursery, Hundred End Lane

151/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. No 08/94/0081 - Single storey extension at rear, 11 School Fold

152/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

d. No 08/94/0091 - Provision of 3.5m high windbreak alongside greenhouses, 407 Moss Lane

153/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

e. No 08/94/0108 - O/L for 2 detached bungalows and garages (including details of means of access), Land at rear of 10 Moss Lane

154/93 RESOLVED:- That a strong objection be made to this application on the grounds that the access, right on the bend in Moss Lane, is extremely unsatisfactory and dangerous.

f. No 08/94/0148 - Conservatory link between house and garage at rear, 142 Moss Lane

155/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

g. No 08/94/0151 - Porch at front, part single part two storey extension with canopy at rear, detached garage at rear of property, 29 Shore Road

156/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 3rd March 1994 The following were considered:-

a. Application No 08/93/1246 - Single storey extension to front and rear, two metre high boundary wall to side, 2 Rose Gardens

This had been deferred at the previous meeting to allow for individual site visits. The recommendation was for refusal.

157/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. Application No 08/93/1132 - Detached dwellinghouse, alterations to existing vehicular/pedestrian access, relocation of outbuildings and laying out of hardstanding area, 198 Moss Lane

The recommendation was for refusal.

158/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. Approved since last meeting The following were noted:-

A. No 08/93/1256 - Diversion of 11,000 volt overhead electricity line, Land off Chapel Road

B. No 08/93/1287 - Part single/part two storey extension to side, conversion of existing garage to lounge and new pitched roof, 8 Woodlee Road

3. Development at Woodlee Road Mrs D Trippier had advised the Clerk that an extension was being built at the side and rear of No 2 which appeared to exceed the development allowed without planning permission.

159/93 RESOLVED:- That the Enforcement Officer be requested to investigate the works being undertaken at this property.

4. Village Plans Two plans had been received from the County Planning Officer. Mr S Trippier undertook to mark all the footpaths in the Parish on one of the plans.

5. Planning Appeal

Application No 08/93/1132 - Detached dwelling house, alterations to vehicular/pedestrian access, relocation of outbuilding and laying out of hardstanding area, 198 Moss Lane

An appeal had been lodged on the grounds that the application had not been dealt with within the requisite time.

160/93 RESOLVED:- That no action be taken on this appeal.

#### HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Grasscutting 1994 The County Council would now be cutting the verges under contract in accordance with a programme agreed by the Countryside Commission. The Parish Council could undertake additional cutting at its own expense. The County Council had thanked the Parish Council for its previous efforts.

161/93 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to seek quotations for grasscutting at the following locations:- Recreation Ground surrounds, Glenpark Drive Play Area and Station Road Play Area, all to be done monthly, and for School Fold to be done once per year.

2. Guide Road The County Council had indicated that there was no possibility of a footpath being provided or the verges being lowered, the latter because vehicles would run onto them, but the grips would be recut when the Electricity Board had completed its work in Guide Road.

3. Public Transport in Lancashire - Policy Review A number of questionnaires were handed to Councillors for them to complete and return to the County Council.

4. Other matters

a. Bus shelters The Clerk was requested to obtain details from a company in East Lancashire.

b. Cropper Gardens Car Park The Clerk was asked to advise the Housing Department of a red estate car with no engine which was parked on the car park at Cropper Gardens. The engine appeared to be against the fence.

c. Hesketh Bank sign - Hesketh Lane/Moss Lane

162/93 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to replace the sign, which was at Mr J R Foster's, on a new post.

d. Moss Lane - Flooding

163/93 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be requested to investigate the flooding of the gutter by the Post Box in Moss Lane.

FOOTPATHS, TREE WARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

1. Footpath No 35 The District Council had now advised that a sign on the lines 'Private drive - Public footpath only - No vehicles except access to .....' would, subject to the County Council's agreement, appear to be appropriate.

2. Footpath sign Shore Road/Dib Road The Clerk was asked to request the County Council to relocate this sign which was on an angle.

3. Tree Wardens A Training Day had been held on the 19th February and a Social evening on the 26th February 1994.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground - Play Equipment In the absence of the Chairman, this item was deferred.

2. Station Road - Play Equipment Russell Leisure, who did not install the swings, agreed with the Inspector's report and could supply and fit 2 chains at a cost of £74.00. The swings were installed by Wicksteed Ltd.

164/93 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to seek estimates for new chains from Wicksteed Ltd and Mr I J Yates.

3. Glenpark Drive Area - Shrubs The shrubs had been planted by a working party of Councillors.

4. Play Area signs The Clerk was requested to send for a catalogue of signs.

NORTH MEOLS PARISH COUNCIL - CIVIC SERVICE

Mrs D Trippier, Mr & Mrs L Greenwood and Mrs H Sephton would be attending as representatives of this Council.

WAR MEMORIAL - PLINTH

Mrs D Trippier had suggested that the centenary of Parish Councils be recognised by raising the War Memorial by the provision of a plinth.

It was suggested that the probable high cost of such work would make the suggestion impractical but the Clerk was requested to thank Mrs Trippier for her suggestion.

A suggestion was made that perhaps the Notice Board at the Sports Ground on Station Road could be repainted to incorporate a reference to the centenary and it was agreed to consider the matter at the next meeting.

HESKETH BANK SPORTS GROUND

It was reported that the purchase was proceeding with the exchange of contracts due to take place in the very near future. The Clerk undertook to speak to the Chairman to ascertain the precise position.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Clerk reported that the lady from the English Villages Association was due to attend the next meeting and, therefore, it would not be possible to hold the Annual Assembly in March as on past occasions.

165/93 RESOLVED:- (1) That the next meeting of the Parish Council be an ordinary meeting on 28th March, 1994 commencing at 7.30pm,

(2) That the Annual Assembly of the Parish be held on the 18th April 1994, commencing at 8.00pm,

(3) That a meeting of the Parish Council be held on the 18th April 1994, commencing at 7.00pm, the meeting to be concluded after the Annual Assembly, if necessary, and

(4) That a timetable for meetings for the year 1994/95 be agreed at the next meeting of the Council.

Mark Gorb.  
28 March 1994.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 28th MARCH 1994

PRESENT :- Mr M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; H Sephton; D Trippier and  
J Witter

Messrs P Bannister; L Greenwood; S Trippier and  
K Wareing

PC M Thackery also attended

Apologies were received from Mrs L Kershaw and Mr P J Handley

Six members of the press and public were present

MINUTES

166/93 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th February 1994 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Centenary Dinner A reply was awaited from the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils.

2. Best Kept Village Competition The documents had been given to the Chairman.

3. North Meols Parish Council Civic Service Those attending felt it had been a very good Service with all the Youth Organisations in the Parish taking part.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK

PC M Thackery indicated that there had not been much change since he last attended a meeting and it was encouraging that crime in the area was continuing to fall. The Radar Patrol had visited Shore Road and a number of local residents had been caught exceeding the speed limit. It was suggested that Moss Lane was fairly bad at the moment for speeding and PC Thackery undertook to speak to the Traffic Department about that area of the Village.

Comments were made about congestion on the bridge caused by people visiting the Chip Shop. PC Thackery said there was not much he could do about this situation although such parking did tend to slow traffic down as it passed over the bridge.

PC Thackery referred to proposed changes in the structure of the Constabulary by the establishment of smaller police divisions but this should not affect the quality of policing in the Parishes. A Quality of Service Seminar was to be held shortly and persons who wished to attend should speak to him about an invitation.

It was reported that the alarm at the Primary School on Shore Road had been set off twice recently both of which had been false calls. On one occasion, it was 40 minutes before the Police attended. It was suggested that faults had occurred since the completion of the new extension, although the Police were lenient in respect of such false calls. Children could climb on the roof and it was suggested that anti-vandal paint should be utilised to prevent access. An undertaking was given that it would be raised at the next Governor's meeting.

PC Thackery also confirmed that the empty house at the end of Cherry Vale was causing problems and it was suggested that a light should be erected at that point to alleviate the situation. It would be raised when suggestions were sought for new lights in the Parish.

The Chairman thanked PC Thackery for attending the meeting.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council
  - a. Agendas There were no items affecting this Parish.
  - b. Civic Reception This would be held on Tuesday, 19th April 1994 and the Clerk and Chairman had been invited and could both attend.
2. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils
  - a. Newsletter The Review of Local Government in Lancashire had restarted on the 13th December 1993 with the date for initial responses now being set as the 8th April 1994 with the Final Report due at the End of September 1994.
  - b. CCL News and Local Council Review The latest editions had been received.
  - c. West Lancashire Area Committee The next meeting was on the 8th April 1994.
3. Other Matters
  - a. International News and Details of Twinning Seminars These were passed to Mr P Bannister.
  - b. Greater Manchester CVS Details of Short Training Courses had been received.

#### FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

167/93 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	H Alty - Provision of limestone	£ 7.19
b.	Rawsthorpe, Edelstons - Solicitor's Fees	£ 462.95
c.	N Marsden Esq - Erection of concrete posts	£ 44.22
d.	B Rimmer Esq - Clerk's salary & expenses	£ 443.85
  2. Receipts The following had been received:-

Lancashire County Council - Grasscutting 1993 £ 240.00
  3. Application for Grant An application had been received from the Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme. The Clerk reported that no funds were available
- 168/93 RESOLVED:- That no action be taken on the application for grant from the Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme.

M. G.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### Development adjacent to Hesketh Bank Sports Field, Station Road

Mr R Iddon of the Bowling Club read a prepared statement regarding the above application made jointly by Mr E Wignall and the Football Club. He indicated that the submitted plan suggested a link between the development and the Parish Council's Sports Field whereas the tenancies for the Sports Field had still to be discussed. The plan showed that the access road and all available car parking was either owned or leased by the applicants and that the access was to be through land owned by the Parish Council. There appeared to be a significant annexing of land owned by the Parish Council. He suggested that facilities on this site should be integrated with those to be provided on the new housing development across the road from this site. He said that all residents of the village had contributed towards the purchase of the Sports Field whereas it would appear that a charge would need to be made for the proposed facilities included in the application. He also indicated that if the applicants were able to obtain grants for the development, the likelihood of further grants for other facilities in the Parish would be remote. In addition, the provision of further buildings would add to the proliferation of buildings in this area of the Parish on account of the number of buildings already on site i.e. Bowling Club, Cricket Pavilion, Football Changing Rooms, Village Hall, Youth Club and Band Room. Future development should be by agreement with all Clubs otherwise there was a danger of duplication which would be to no-one's advantage.

The Chairman agreed with a number of concerns expressed by Mr Iddon especially in respect of the access and car park which the Parish Council had already indicated would not be leased out but would remain under the sole control of the Council. In response to a question, the Chairman indicated that the Parish Council had received notification on the Weekly Planning Lists and he had been notified by the applicants in accordance with Planning Regulations. There had been no notification from the District Council to the Parish Council as owners of the adjacent land. He thanked Mr Iddon for presenting the views to the Council which would be borne in mind when considering the application.

### Cropper Gardens Car Park

Mr J R Foster reported sump oil on the ground near to the transformer at the Cropper Gardens Car Park. The Chairman said it would be reported to the District Council.

Cherry Vale Further to what had been said earlier in the meeting, Mr Foster indicated that the provision of a light to face onto the path would assist in stopping young people gathering at that point. The Chairman undertook to check with Mrs L Kershaw to see if a light had already been requested at that point.

## PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/94/0233 - O/L Provision of an all-weather sports surface including changing facilities, members clubhouse, community recreation hall and associated car parking in conjunction with existing football club and alterations to existing access. Land at 140 Station Road

The Chairman indicated that Mr Wignall had apparently created an access through the hedge and also filled in part of the ditch which had been revealed as a rider to enquiries made by the Council's Solicitor before the contract was completed. The Bowling Club had also created an access in the North West corner of the field, a requirement of the County Council being a visibility splay. The Football Club, without permission, had planted

a Leylandii screen on part of the splay with contravened the County Council restriction. The Chairman reported that the leylandii had now been cut back.

The Sports Company had always claimed the ditch as being in their ownership but as a result of legislation in 1974, borders were now through the centre of ditches with the owners of the land on either side of the ditch having responsibilities. This could only be clarified when the deeds of the Field were received from the Solicitors. However, if the ditch had been filled in then there could be a danger of flooding to the cricket pitch and bowling green.

At the present time, the Council had not discussed new leases with the various clubs although the view was put forward that any arrangement whereby membership was subject to the approval of a third party would be a breach of the proposed terms of the leases in that the Parish Council had previously said to all three clubs that one of the conditions for the Council to become involved was that membership of the three clubs would be open to all residents of the Parish.

It was **MOVED** by Mr K Wareing, **SECONDED** by Mr S Trippier and **UNANIMOUSLY**

169/93 **RESOLVED:-** That an objection be lodged in respect of this application on the following grounds:-

1. The boundary shown on the submitted plan is inaccurate as certain land in the ownership of the Parish Council has been included in the application,

2. The access to the adjoining land and the car parking area adjacent to the Bowling Club are shown on the plan as being in the ownership or leased by the applicants whilst this land is wholly in the ownership of the Council and will be so retained and not leased out to any of the three sports clubs,

3. The sharing of a joint access with the proposed development is unacceptable to the Parish Council.

4. The ownership of the ditch is disputed and the Planning Department in consultation with the Environmental Health Department be requested to investigate the possible obstruction of the ditch which could lead to the future flooding of the cricket pitch and bowling green,

5. The development site is situated in the Green Belt where the provision of some of the facilities would not normally be allowed,

6. The adjacent site already includes a proliferation of buildings i.e. cricket pavilion, bowling clubhouse, football changing room, village hall, youth club and band room, and the provision of additional buildings of a similar nature on the application site is inappropriate development and the Parish Council would be seeking to discuss, with the three sports clubs, the long term future of the site including ways in which the existing buildings could, perhaps, be reduced to the benefit of all concerned,

and That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council will be arranging meetings with the three sports clubs to discuss leases for the various parts of the Council owned site currently occupied by the clubs as a first step towards securing the long term objectives of this Council.

(b) No 08/94/0289 Removal of condition 3 (Agricultural occupancy) on planning permission No 08/89/1507 Land at Guide Road

170/93 **RESOLVED:-** That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council ~~object to~~ this application on the grounds that the site lies within the Green Belt.

(c) Other applications

171/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

1. No 08/94/0200 Use of part of outbuilding for the preparation of bonboneria and additional living accommodation. Repair of covered way  
1A Guide Road
2. No 08/94/0226 Construction of 11,000 volt overhead line  
Hesketh Lodge, Guide Road
3. No 08/94/0239 Alterations to existing vehicular access 21 Moss Lane
4. No 08/94/0255 Conservatory at rear of existing granny annex  
14 Becconsall Lane
5. No 08/94/0259 Reserved matters - one detached bungalow and garage with new vehicular/pedestrian access Land at rear of 163 Station Road
6. No 08/94/0265 Single storey domestic extension to front elevation. Replace existing flat roof with pitched roof to side elevation 160 Moss Lane
7. No 08/94/0267 Detached double garage and new vehicular access  
163 Station Road

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 31st March 1994

a. Applications for decision

172/93 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on the following applications:-

1. No 08/93/1132 Detached dwellinghouse, alterations to existing vehicular/pedestrian access, relocation of outbuildings and laying out of hardstanding area 198 Moss Lane (This had been deferred at the last meeting to enable an organised site visit to take place. An appeal had been lodged by the applicant on the grounds of delay in determining the application. The recommendation was for refusal).
2. No 08/93/1088 O/L Detached house and garage (including siting and means of access) Land adjacent 148 Chapel Fold (The recommendation was for refusal)
3. No 08/93/1108 O/L One detached bungalow (including details of siting and means of access) Land at rear of 176 Station Road (The recommendation was for refusal)
4. No 08/93/0589 One detached bungalow Land at Rose Gardens (The recommendation was for approval)
5. No 08/93/1294 Modification of condition No 6 imposed on planning permission No 08/93/0401 relating to the hours of movement by HGV's to and from the site Land at 410 Moss Lane (The Chairman explained that approval of this application would allow vehicles to return to the site between the hours of 0001 and 0700. The recommendation was for refusal but he would be speaking at the Sub-Committee in favour of the application).

(b) Approved since the last meeting The following were noted:-

1. No 08/94/0091 Provision of windbreak 407 Moss Lane
2. No 08/94/0071 Siting of polytunnel Douglas View, Marsh Road

3. No 08/94/0079 Provision of windbreaks Hundred End Nursery, Hundred End Lane

4. No 08/94/0018 Erection of windbreak Westgate Farm, Guide Road

3. Possible breach of planning control - Woodlee Road The District Council would investigate the situation at 2 Woodlee Road but had no legal powers to stop development immediately. Without the co-operation of the owner, a remedy could take some time and was subject to challenge on appeal.

#### HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Village sign The Clerk had asked Mr J R Foster to contact the County Council Depot at Bamber Bridge regarding the sign.

2. Flooding in Moss Lane This would be investigated and action taken as appropriate.

3. Other matters

a. Bus shelters The Chairman was to contact Merseybus.

b. Cropper Gardens Car Park The car had now been removed.

c. Guide Road The first light had been removed but would be replaced.

#### RECREATION GROUNDS AND PLAY AREAS

1. Grasscutting Only one quotation had been received from Mark Taylor and it was agreed to defer consideration until the next meeting of the Council.

2. Recreation Ground - Swings The Chairman had arranged to meet the Inspector in three weeks time.

3. Station Road Swing - Replacement of Chains Quotations had been received from Russell Leisure and Yates Playgrounds whilst Wicksteed's, who supplied the swings, had asked for the length of the chains. The Chairman undertook to measure the length and it was agreed to defer consideration until the next meeting of the Council.

#### FOOTPATHS, TREE WARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Public Footpaths 12 & 13 The diversion had been confirmed on the 22nd March 1994 and would come into operation on the 5th April 1994.

#### HESKETH BANK SPORTS GROUND

The Chairman reported that he and Mr P Bannister had signed the contracts on the 23rd March 1994, the District Council had released the funds and the purchase had been completed on Friday 25th March 1994. He hoped the public would appreciate what the Parish Council had done in purchasing the land for the benefit of all residents of the Parish.

There was a necessity to define the boundary of the Parish Council's land and to ensure that there was no access from the Parish Council's land to Mr E Wignall's land. There was also a need to speak to the three sports clubs about new long term leases for the land currently used by the clubs.

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173/93 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Chairman be authorised to speak to Mr Davies, the Council's Solicitor, to confirm that all his work is completed and to ascertain when the deeds will be available to the Council,

2. That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk be authorised to release the payment cheque to Mr Davies when the above confirmation has been received,

3. That meetings be held between the Parish Council and the three Sports Clubs, to discuss leases, in the Upstairs Room at the Becconsall Hotel on the following dates:-

- a. Monday, 11th April at 8.00 pm - Football Club
- b. Tuesday, 12th April at 8.00 pm - Bowling Club
- c. Wednesday, 13th April at 8.00 pm - Cricket Club

4. That, at the next Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, consideration be given to the appointment of a Committee to look after the Sports Ground, and

5. That the ground be named 'THE HESKETH BANK PARISH COUNCIL CENTENARY SPORTS FIELD'.

M.S.  
WITH BECCONSALL

#### CENTENARY OF PARISH COUNCILS

##### 1. Painting of Sports Ground Board

174/93 RESOLVED:- 1. That quotations be obtained for the painting of the Board at the Sports Ground with the new name of the ground, the board also to have Tudor Roses incorporated in the design,

2. That the board be painted green with gold lettering, if possible, and

3. That sketch designs be submitted along with the quotations.

2. Parish Centenary Edition of Domesday Book The Clerk reported that special editions of The Domesday Book were being made available to Parish Councils to mark the Centenary of Parish Councils. If one payment was made the cost was £265.00 and this could include a list of Members and Officers of the Council.

175/93 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the Book being a reasonable size, the Clerk be authorised to purchase a copy of the Domesday Book to include a list of Members and Officers of the Council. (This resolution was approved by 4 votes to 2 votes with 2 abstentions).

#### DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

176/93 RESOLVED:- That future meetings of the Council be held at 7.30 pm on the following dates:-

16th May;	13th June;	11th July;	8th August;
5th September;	3rd October;	31st October;	28th November;
3rd January 1994 (Tuesday)		30th January 1994; S	
27th February 1994; S		27th March 1994; S	
17th April 1994; S		15th May 1994; S	

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