

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.

^{DONALDSON M9}
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.

17th 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. | I 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. ^{Vegetation MG.} 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 ^{replacing} 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.

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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.

14th 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.

(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.

MS

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
for July | £ 99.88 |
| b. | Valuation Office - Land valuation | £ 94.00 |
| c. | Mr I J Yates - Dismantle and remove barrier at
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.

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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 Improvements 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 had 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:-

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'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