

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 18th APRIL 1994

PRESENT:-

Mr M Goodier (Chairman)

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

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

Apologies were received from Mrs J Witter

Two members of the public were present.

MINUTES

177/93 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendments, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th March 1994 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

- a. Page 6 Minute 173/93 (5)

HESKETH BANK PARISH to read HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH

- b. Page 6 Minute 176/93

1994 to read 1995 whenever it appears in the minute.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. Domesday Book The Chairman had confirmed the book was a reasonable size. The order had been placed and confirmation received.

- b. LAP&TC - Area Committee - 8th April 1994

It was reported that a number ~~of~~^{of 5.} Parish Councils had arranged special events to celebrate the Centenary of Parish Councils; that old Minute Books should be sent to the County Archivist for safe keeping; that finance for North Meols to undertake emergency drainage work on the Sports Field would be sought from the District Council's Contingency Fund; that further requests for footway lights would be dealt with in the order received; that a Victim Support Scheme Flag Day would be held on the 21st May 1994 and volunteers should give their names to Mrs L Kershaw; that the new Burscough Youth Centre was due to open on the 4th August 1994; that electricity problems in Halsall and Mere Brow had been discussed and that this years Audit would be held in July.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. District Council Their were no items under this heading.

- b. Other Matters

1. Rural Housing Trust Miss Katy Scivyer would attend the meeting of the Council on the 13th June 1994.

2. Victim Support Scheme The Annual General Meeting of the Scheme would be held on Wednesday, 25th May 1994 at the District Council Offices, Ormskirk.

178/93 RESOLVED:- That Mrs L Kershaw be appointed to attend the AGM of the Victim Support Scheme as the Parish Council's representative.

3. Hesketh - with - Beconsall CE School - Governor Mr L Greenwood had resigned as the Governor appointed by the Parish Council.

179/93 RESOLVED:- That the vacancy be filled at the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 1994.

4. Footpaths in Hesketh Bank Mr J R Foster had written to the effect that vehicles using footpaths wide enough for cars etc., may not be insured in case of accidents and perhaps the Council should be providing signs to that effect.

The Chairman indicated that the signs legally required were provided and additional signs would require additional finance.

FINANCE

a. Accounts for payment

180/93 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:

1. Mr D Ward - Cleaning Bus Shelters (Jan-Mar incl) £54.00

b. Other Matters

Application for Grant An application had been received from the Victim Support Scheme.

181/93 RESOLVED:- That consideration of the application be deferred until later in the year.

PLANNING MATTERS

a. Weekly Lists

182/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

1. No 08/94/0313 - 9 detached dwellings with garages and access road - Land off Silverdale

2. No 08/94/0339 - Detached garage at rear - 3 Pardoe Close

3. No 08/94/0349 - Conservatory to rear elevation - 36 Moss Lane

b. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 21st April 1994

183/93 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application:-

No 08/94/0226 - Construction of 11,000 volt overhead line - Hesketh Lodge, Dib Road (Recommendation - Object, request consideration of underground line).

184/93 RESOLVED:- That the following applications approved by the Director of Development and Amenities be noted:-

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

No 08/94/0151 - Porch on front, part single part 2 storey extension with canopy at rear, detached garage at rear - 29 Shore Road

c. Other Matters

Development at 2 Woodlee Road The development had been approved under application No 08/88/1004 and had been commenced within 5 years. Visits had been made to the site since November 1991.

REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Clerk had received a copy of the West Lancashire District Council's submission to the Commission.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL CENTENARY SPORTS FIELD

Meetings had been held with the 3 sports clubs last week and minutes of those meetings were circulated to members of the Council. The Chairman thanked Mrs L Kershaw for taking the Minutes of the meetings and preparing them for members.

With regard to the boundaries of the Council owned land, the Chairman indicated that the Deeds had not yet been received from the Solicitors.

It appeared that the Clubs were requesting leases for 50 years whereas it was understood that the Sports Council normally required Clubs applying for grants to have security of tenure for 21/28 years. The Council would require firm reasons as to why 50 year leases were required bearing in mind that the persons running the Clubs would have changed well before the leases expired. Perhaps the Council should be looking at an initial term with an option to renew for further periods.

It was suggested that the Council should not rush into agreeing leases without taking professional advice and that attempts should be continued to bring the 3 Clubs together by framing the leases accordingly.

It was suggested that a representative of the Sports Council be invited to attend a meeting of the Council, to which the Clubs would also be invited, to talk about the management of sports grounds and leases between the owners of the ground and sports clubs.

It was also suggested that membership of Clubs using the sports ground should be open to all age groups, especially young people, who should be able to use the facilities provided by the Clubs.

The Chairman indicated that he had been invited, as the District Councillor, to Chair a meeting between the 3 Clubs, the meeting having been called by the Football Club.

185/93 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Sports Council be invited to send a representative to address the Parish Council on leases for Clubs using sports grounds, and

2. That the 3 Clubs be invited to attend a meeting with the Sports Council on grants for sporting activities.

CENTENARY OF PARISH COUNCILS

As part of the Centenary of Parish Councils, the Council had agreed that the Notice Board at the Sports Ground be painted with the new name and reference to the centenary of the Council.

186/93 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to obtain quotations for the painting and sign writing of the Notice Board, such quotations to be on the basis of gold lettering on green background and white lettering on a black background.

GRASSCUTTING IN HESKETH BANK

The Clerk reported that only Mr Mark Taylor had submitted a quotation for grasscutting which appeared to be on the basis of each area receiving 7 cuts during the year.

187/93 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr Mark Taylor be invited to carry out grasscutting for the Council for the year 1994/95 on the following basis:-

Recreation Ground 7 cuts at £30	£210.00
Glenpark Drive 7 cuts at £12	84.00
Station Road Play Area 3 cuts at £20	60.00
School Fold Grassed Area 1 cut at £12	12.00

2. That, subject to Mr Taylor agreeing to the above basis, the Clerk be authorised to place an order with Mr Taylor in the sum of £366.00.

Stephen Taylor

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th MAY 1994

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

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

Messrs P Bannister; P J Handley and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mrs N Goodier and Mr M Goodier

Four members of the press and public were present.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

7/94 RESOLVED:- That Mr Stephen Trippier be elected Chairman of
the Council for the year 1994/95.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Mr S Trippier read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office
as Chairman of the Council.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

2/94 RESOLVED:- That Mr Philip Handley be appointed Vice-Chairman
of the Council for the year 1994/95.

MINUTES

3/94 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes
of the meeting held on the 18th April 1994 be confirmed and signed by the
Chairman:-

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MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items under this heading.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

4/94 RESOLVED:- That the following appointments be made for the
year 1994/95:-

Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils - Area Committee

Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mrs N Goodier

Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee

Mrs N Goodier with the Chairman as Substitute

Layfield Charity

Mrs D Trippier (Mrs Trippier reported that due to surplus income
she had obtained grants for the Youth Club,
the PCC and the extensions at the School)

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Village Hall Committee

Mrs L Kershaw

Lancashire Playing Fields Association

Mrs J Witter

Council for Protection of Rural England

The Chairman

Hesketh - with - Beconsall C E School Governor

Mrs H Sephton

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

5/94 RESOLVED:- That the following Constitutions and Membership of Standing Committees be approved for the year 1994/95:-

Recreation Committee - Chairman plus 4 Members

Chairman, Mrs N Goodier, Mrs J Witter, Mr M Goodier and Mr P Handley

Allotments Committee - 5 Members

Mrs J Witter, Mr P Bannister, Mr L Greenwood, Mr P Handley and Mr K Wareing

Footpaths, Tree Wardens and Environmental Issues Committee - Chairman plus 5 Members

Chairman, Mrs L Kershaw, Mrs H Sephton, Mrs D Trippier, Mr M Goodier and Mr P Handley

Centenary Sports Ground Committee - Chairman plus 3 Members (Provisional)

Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mrs L Kershaw and Mr K Wareing

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

- a. Agendas & Minutes There were no items to report.
- b. Environmental Charter for West Lancashire A copy had been received.
- c. Budget for 1994/95 A copy of the Budget had been received.

2. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils

- a. Rural Viewpoint Magazine

6/94 RESOLVED:- That the Council do not subscribe to the Rural Viewpoint Magazine.

- b. Training Days

7/94 RESOLVED:- That Mr S Trippier be nominated to attend the Public Relations Day on the 12th November 1994 at a cost of £25.

c. Survey of Rural Services This was passed to Mrs L Kershaw for completion.

d. Almanac The Clerk undertook to complete the Form.

e. Centenary Yearbook It was noted that a copy had been received.

f. Centenary Dinner A response from the Association Secretary was noted.

g. Rural Action for the Environment Posters had been received.

h. Local Council Review The latest copy had been received.

3. County Council

a. Review of Local Government A leaflet explaining the County Council's submission had been received.

b. Planning Matters Details of buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest in the Parish had been received alongwith details of Parks and Gardens with Special Historic Interest and Scheduled Monuments in the district.

A Lancashire Quarry Line to enable people to ring the County Council about Quarries and major Waste Disposal Sites was soon to be established.

4. Other Matters

a. Crossroads The AGM was to be held on the 11th July 1994 which was a night on which the Parish Council would meet.

b. Hesketh Bank Good Neighbour Scheme A copy of the Annual Report had been received and copies would be given to all Parish Councillors.

8/94 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council places on record its sincere thanks and congratulations to Mrs D Trippier for her efforts in running the Good Neighbour Scheme.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

9/94 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a. Cornhill Insurance - Annual Premium	£ 199.72
b. LAP&TC - Annual Subscription	£ 181.56
c. Henry Alty Ltd - Mulch	£ 20.72
d. Village Hall Committee - Hire of Hall	£ 136.00

2. Audit for 1992/93 A letter from the Auditors explaining the increase over the previous year had been received. The fee for this year would be reduced by one hour to compensate for the large increase last year.

3. Audit for 1993/94 This would start on the 18th July 1994 with the date for electors to attend being set as 22nd July 1994. The notices would go up on the 8th June 1994 and the books would be at the Chairman's house from the 23rd June to the 13th July 1994.

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4. Bank Mandate

10/94 RESOLVED:- That the Mandate remain unchanged with Mrs L Kershaw, Mr M Goodier and Mr S Trippier remaining as the three signatories for cheques.

5. Receipts The following had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council

a. Precept (1st payment)	£ 7500.00
b. Cleansing (Final payment)	£ 446.70
c. Concurrent expenditure (1st half)	£ 710.00

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster reported that the Moss Lane street sign had been knocked out of the ground and was currently at his house. He undertook to report the matter to the District Council.

Mr Foster also reported that the Hesketh Bank sign had now been put back up.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

a. Application No 08/94/0386 Certificate of lawfulness, use of land as wagon/goods storage yard - Old Railway Yard, Hundred End Lane

11/94 RESOLVED:- That the Director of Development & Amenities be requested to provide a definition of 'Certificate of lawfulness'.

b. Application No 08/94/0458 Single storey extension at rear, extension to garage at front - 4 Woodlee Road

12/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee - 19th May 1994

a. Applications for determination

1. No 08/94/0233 - O/L provision of all weather sports surface including changing facilities, members club house, community recreation hall and associated car parking in conjunction with existing football club and alteration to existing access - 140 Station Road (Recommendation Granted with conditions)

13/94 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to ask the Sub-Committee to defer a decision of this application until certain statements made by the Director of Development & Amenities and included in the Committee item are clarified, that the Clerk be also requested to ask the Director to supply a copy of the latest submitted plan and, that the Chairman be authorised to contact the Council's Solicitor, Mr Davies, regarding the Deed Plan for the land purchased by the Parish Council.

2. Other Applications

14/94 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on the following applications:-

A. No 08/94/0313 - 9 detached dwellings with garages and access road - Land off Silverdale (Recommendation - Granted)

B. No 08/93/1114 - Off road Driver Training Park including conversion of existing building to provide reception/office, toilets and refreshment area - Hundred End Lane (Recommendation - Refused)

C. No 08/94/0200 - Use of part of outbuilding for the preparation of bonboneria and retention of use of additional living accommodation and repair of covered way - 1A Guide Road (Recommendation - Granted)

D. No 08/94/0349 - Retention of conservatory to rear elevation 36 Moss Lane (Recommendation - Granted)

E. Enforcement No E/94/29 - Deposit of hardcore and earth - Former Railway Yard, Hundred End Lane (Recommendation - Remove hardcore and re-instate land within 1 month)

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

A. No 08/94/0239 - Alterations to existing vehicular access - 21 Moss Lane

B. No 08/94/0265 - Extensions - 160 Moss Lane

C. No 08/94/0255 - Conservatory - 14 Beconsall Lane

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Bus Shelter Grants The Clerk reported that last years grant had been lost but the County Council were increasing grants from 25% to 50% for the year 1994/95. A brochure and price list had been received from Autocross 2000.

15/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That application be made to the County Council for a 50% grant of the cost of a new shelter for Shore Road outside the allotments, and

2. That Mr P Handley be authorised to contact Mr Jones at Merseybus regarding a replacement shelter for this site.

2. Traffic Order - North Meols A Traffic Order relating to Banks whilst work is undertaken on the A565 was noted.

3. Road Safety Signs

16/94 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to contact the County Council regarding the possibility of obtaining certain road safety signs as follows:-

Entrance and exit to Parish - 'DRIVE CAREFULLY'

Cropper Gardens - 'DRIVE CAREFULLY - CHILDREN PLAYING'

School Fold - 'WATCH YOUR SPEED'

4. Dog Fouling It was indicated in answer to a question that the Graveyard behind the Church is private land and the matter should be raised with the PCC.

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RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Grasscutting It was reported that the contract had commenced.
2. Glenpark Drive Play Area It was reported that the stones from around the trees had been dug out and replaced with mulch. It was also suggested that one tree had been virtually destroyed due to the bark being stripped off on one side.

A brochure had been received from Shelley Signs which was passed to Mr P Handley. It was suggested that some sort of children play area signs were required on Cropper Gardens and School Fold as well as at Glenpark Drive.

FOOTPATHS, TREE WARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

There were no items under this heading.

ALLOTMENTS

There were no items under this heading.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Meeting with Sports Council The Clerk reported that a response had been received only today. The Clerk was requested to arrange for a meeting to be held on a Tuesday evening.

2. Painting of Sign Board Two quotations had been received as follows:-

Mr J Ball	- Gold Leaf on Green	£ 80.00
	White paint on Black	}
	Gold paint on Black	
Sigma Signs	New Board with writing any colours	£ 298.00
	New 'Show Piece' Board with writing	£ 484.00

Sigma Signs had indicated that the Board was not capable of economic repair and required replacing.

17/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr K Wareing be authorised to inspect the Board and advise the Council on its condition, and

2. That, in the event that the Board needs replacing, Mr K Wareing be authorised to obtain prices from two Joiners for a New Board to be supplied.

3. Grasscutting on Football Pitch A complaint had been received from a resident of Station Road, who lived opposite the Football Pitch, complaining about the number of hours spent cutting the grass on the pitch to the annoyance of the local residents.

18/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Football Club be requested to advise the Parish Council why so much time needs to be spent cutting the grass on the pitch, and

2. That the Clerk be requested to ask Mr Mark Taylor for advice on the frequency a football pitch requires cutting both in Summer and Winter.

John Dyer
13/6/94.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 13th JUNE 1994

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

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

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

Apologies were received from Mrs J Witter and 2 members
of the press and public were present for part of the meeting.

MINUTES

19/94 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th
May 1994 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK PC M Thackery attended for this item.

PC Thackery reported on the recent re-organisation of the Constabulary
as a result of which Skelmersdale Division had been divorced from Chorley
and was under the command of Superintendent A Lincoln. A number of manpower
changes had been made with Sergeant Duke taking up duties at Skelmersdale
with Sergeant Wright taking charge of all Rural and Community Beats in
the Division. Inspector K Norris was the Inspector in charge on those
Beats.

PC Thackery had spoken to the Traffic Department about speeding on Moss
Lane and warning signs would be placed on the road in the near future with
enforcement to follow. PC Thackery was keeping an eye on children riding
cycles without lights and he undertook to speak to the Headteacher of the
High School about children acquiring alcohol and setting fire to the contents
of litter bins.

In response to a question about a reduction in Officers in the area, PC
Thackery confirmed that the 4 Rural Beat Officers, one in each Parish,
had been retained but the number of Officers working from Tarleton had
been reduced from 5 to 4 although 24 hour cover was being maintained.
Officers from Burscough were deployed to cover for the Tarleton Officers
when necessary. In addition, armed response officers and dog patrols were
available for use in all areas of the Division.

The Chairman thanked PC Thackery for attending the meeting.

20/94 RESOLVED:- Thank the Clerk be requested to pass on to Superintendent
Lincoln the Parish Council's concern at the loss of one Officer from the
Northern Parishes and to thank Sergeant Duke for all his co-operation during
his period at Tarleton.

RURAL HOUSING Katy Scivyer and Kate Astbury attended for this item.

Katy Scivyer apologized to the Council for the length of time taken to
return to the Council and circulated an analysis of the survey undertaken
in the Parish. The response rate in the Parish had been good and Katy
explained the analysis in detail.

The purchase of the necessary land would be undertaken by the Housing
Association chosen by the District Council to progress the scheme although
the Parish Council would have an input into choosing a site. If the Parish
Council wishes to proceed with a scheme, the major decision to be taken
is in regard to the number of homes to be built.

Katy explained the various stages in the process as follows:-

1. Find a piece of land. The Parish Council and the Planning Officers would list possible sites for discussion with all parties involved before the Parish Council makes application for Planning Permission.
2. Identify a Housing Association which will bid for the finance required for the scheme.
3. Undertake a second stage survey when possible applicants will need to submit their names and addresses.

The role of the District Council is one of having strategic responsibility for housing in the district. The West Lancashire District Council have adopted a Rural Housing Policy for the district and support the use of White Land and Exception Sites for village housing.

Katy answered a number ^{of} questions and indicated that there tended to be a low turn over rate in Housing Association properties and a low eviction rate. The Housing Association would not usually pay market value for sites but it must be borne in mind that permission to build on certain sites would only be given for Housing Association purposes and this would reduce the market value of such land. In addition it was possible to place a Section 106 Agreement on the site restricting the occupants to local people. The Government provided the capital finance by means of grants from the Housing Corporation to Housing Associations whilst revenue was provided through the rentals of the houses.

The Parish Council would need to decide if it wished to proceed with a scheme and if so, how big that scheme should be and the tenure of the properties. The Housing Department of the District Council would only be given a copy of the result of the survey if the Parish Council agreed to allow the District to see those results.

The Chairman thanked Katy Scivyer and Kate Astbury for attending the meeting and explaining the results in such detail.

21/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That agreement be given to the results of the survey being passed to the District Council's Housing Department, and

2. That consideration be given by the Council at a future meeting as to whether the matter should proceed and, if so, what size scheme should be undertaken and what tenure be placed on the properties to be constructed.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

- a. Agendas There were no items affecting the Parish.
- b. West Lancashire Tapestry An informal meeting was to be held at Tarleton Library on the 17th June 1994.

2. Community Council of Lancashire A meeting about community care in Tarleton and Hesketh Bank was to be held at Tarleton Health Centre on the 27th June 1994. Mrs L-Kershaw would attend and report back to the Council.

D Tappin and Mr P Henderson
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3. Other Matters

a. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish and Town Councils

1. West Lancashire Area Committee The next meeting would be held on the 8th July 1994 at Ormskirk at 7.30 pm.

2. Local Government Review The Draft recommendations were due to be published on the 14th June 1994. The Commissioners had agreed to meet representatives of Parish Councils at the Swallow Trafalgar Hotel on the 4th July 1994 at 7.30 pm. The Council was entitled to nominate one representative.

22/94 RESOLVED:- That the invitation to attend the meeting with the Local Government Commissioners be not accepted.

3. Royal Visit to Blackpool The latest position was noted.

4. Best Kept Village Competition An entry had been made and judging would commence this month.

b. Lancashire Constabulary A letter from the Police regarding the revised arrangements for the Northern Parishes was noted. It was also noted that Inspector Norris and Sergeant Wright would attend Council meetings if necessary.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

23/94 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a. North West Water - Water charges	£ 10.69
b. Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Subscription	£ 10.00
c. B W Rimmer Esq. - Salary and expenses	£ 443.68

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council - Street cleaning payment £ 1628.56

3. Audit of accounts The notices had been displayed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster asked if Parish Councils would have more responsibilities as a result of the Review being undertaken. Mrs L Kershaw indicated that some were trying hard to obtain more powers but 1/3rd of all Parish Councils did not want more powers.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/94/0510 - Erection of one detached house and garage and new vehicular/pedestrian access Land adjacent 111 Chapel Road

24/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

- b. No 08/94/0512 - Outline - Detached house Land adjacent
10 Moss Lane
No 08/94/0108 - Outline - 2 detached bungalows and garages
Rear of 10 Moss Lane

The latter application had been amended by repositioning the bungalows and the access and by the addition of a garage at No 10 Moss Lane.

The Council had already objected to the latter application on the grounds that the access was unsatisfactory and dangerous.

25/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the objection to application No 08/94/0108 be re-affirmed, and

2. That an objection be made to application No 08/94/0512 on the grounds that the access is unsatisfactory and dangerous.

c. No 08/94/0553 - Listed building consent - Alteration to existing first floor bathroom to increase ceiling height and extension to form larger kitchen at ground floor level Ferry Cottage, Becconsall Lane

Mr K Wareing, the applicant, declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision.

26/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Planning Control Sub-Committee The date of this meeting had been changed from the 16th June to the 23rd June 1994.

27/94 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, be authorised to make comments on the applications on the agenda if deemed necessary.

3. Application No 08/94/0233 A revised plan had been received which indicated that access for the development was over land owned by the Parish Council. A site meeting would be held for members of the Planning Committee on Tuesday, 21st June 1994 at 1.00 pm and members of the Parish Council would be attending.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Bus shelters Mr P Handley reported that Mr Jones had left Merseybus and his successor had undertaken to erect a reconditioned shelter on Shore Road, by the Allotments, and replace the pane of glass in the Station Road shelter, by the Church, for a total cost of £600. In the event a reconditioned shelter was not available and a new shelter had been erected, together with the pane of glass, for £600. The pane of glass was still to be replaced but the new shelter was in place.

It was reported that the two shelters at the top of the Brow would last for a further 12 months or so although there was some deterioration in the shelter on the Preston bound side of the road.

2. Other Matters

a. Street lighting It was confirmed that the location for a light on the bend in Chapel Road, near to Greenfields, was on the list for new lights.

b. Moss Lane The Clerk was asked to report the development of a pot hole in Moss lane just around the corner from Hesketh Lane.

c. Street sign - The Brow This was being dealt with.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Grass cutting The Chairman reported that the original letter to Mr M Taylor had not been delivered and he had personally handed a copy to Mr Taylor. He had undertaken to commence work as soon as possible.

It was also reported that increased funds had been made available by the District Council to enable Brophy's to collect grass cuttings from work at sheltered housing sites. The grass in these areas would be cut every two weeks and the collection of the cuttings had already started.

2. Safety Surfacing Complaints had been received from parents about children falling off the roundabout and grazing their knees on the concrete surface.

28/94 RESOLVED:- That quotations be obtained from a number of firms for the following safety surfacing:-

- a. Around the roundabout on the recreation ground
- b. Extended surfacing at the bottom of the slide on the recreation ground
- c. At the foot of the steps to the slide on the recreation ground
- d. Around the equipment on Glenpark Drive

3. Footpath from Delta Park to the Recreation Ground Play Area

29/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr J R Foster be requested to submit a price for cutting back the grass from over the footpath flags, and

2. That the Chairman be authorised to agree to the quotation if he feels it to be reasonable.

4. Grant from District Council for 1994/95 The Clerk was requested to contact the District Council regarding the availability of the grant of £ 1500 for the current financial year.

FOOTPATHS, TREE WARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

It was reported that Tarleton parish had received a grant from the Canal Corridor Fund for tree planting and the plants had been planted by the scouts and guides. It was agreed that members of the Council would try to identify likely sites in Hesketh Bank.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Grass cutting The Chairman of the Football Club had responded to the letter about excessive grass cutting and indicated that the Club would continue to cut the grass as they deemed necessary.

30/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the letter be noted and the club advised that the Council will continue to investigate complaints about activities on Council owned property, and

2. That the complainant be advised to continue monitoring the situation and try to persuade two other residents to complain to the Environmental Health Department which would investigate the problem.

2. Sign board Mr K Wareing reported that the board needed replacing and the Council considered the quotations received.

31/94 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to clarify with Mr N Marsden exactly what is included in his quotation of £127.50

3. Leases to Sports Clubs The Football Club had asked what was happening about the proposed long term lease.

32/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the letter from the Club be noted, and

2. That the Club be advised that the Council will process the new leases as soon as practicable.

4. Changing Facilities - Shore Road In the letter referred to above, the Club requested permission to undertake work to the inside of the changing hut on Shore Road and suggested that previous requests to rebuild the hut had been ignored.

33/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the request be acceded to, and

2. That the Football Club be advised that the Parish Council made a grant of £200 in July 1993 towards the cost of new facilities and it is still the intention of the Council to move the Boys Section of the Football Club from Shore Road to an alternative venue as soon as possible.

5. Access roads to Sports Field and Village Hall It was reported that some old tarmac had been obtained from the County Council to enable these access roads to be improved and Messrs Bannister, Wareing and Trippier undertook to lay the tarmac as soon as possible. The Clerk was asked to write to the Officer concerned when he had been advised of his name.

6. Additional land for sports facilities

34/94 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to again write to the owner of the adjacent land, to the rear of the site, asking if he would be prepared to sell some of that land to the Council.

7. Meeting of 3 Sports Clubs Mr M ^{C. G. G. S.} ~~Trippier~~ reported that he had chaired a meeting of the 3 sports clubs, at the request of the Football Club and in his capacity as District Councillor, when the subject had been the possible dissolution of the 3 separate clubs and their reformation as one Club. He anticipated a second meeting to be held in about 3/4 weeks time.

8. Meeting with Sports Council representative The Clerk undertook to contact the Sports Council again about the proposed meeting which should be brought on before the next meeting of the Council.

35/94 RESOLVED:- That any discussion by the Council on new leases for the 3 sports clubs be undertaken after the exclusion of the press and members of the public in accordance with the usual procedures for excluding such persons from the meeting.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

In the light of the result of the recent District Council elections, the District Council had amended the Constitutions and Terms of Reference of the various Committees and Sub-Committees of the Council and had approved a new timetable for meetings for the current municipal year.

The Parish Council needed, therefore, to fix a revised timetable for meetings of the Council.

36/94 RESOLVED:- That meetings of the Council be held in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.30 pm on the following dates:-

Monday, 25th July 1994
Tuesday, 30th August 1994
Monday, 26th September 1994
Monday, 24th October 1994
Monday, 21st November 1994
Monday, 19th December 1994
Monday, 16th January 1995
Monday, 13th February 1995
Monday, 13th March 1995
Monday, 10th April 1995
Monday, 15th May 1995

Stephen Phipps
25-7-94

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 25th JULY 1994

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

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

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

Apologies were received from Mrs N Goodier and 1 member
of the public was present.

MINUTES

37/94 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendments, the Minutes
of the meeting held on the 13th June 1994 be confirmed and signed by the
Chairman:-

Page 2 Line 13 'fo' to read 'of'

Penultimate line 'Mrs L Kershaw' to read 'Mrs D Trippier
and Mr P Handley

Page 6 Item 7 'Mr M Trippier' to read 'Mr M Goodier'.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK (Inspector K Norris and Sergeant I Wright attended
for this item).

Inspector K Norris explained that the previous system of policing
in the Northern Parishes had worked very well but as a result of the re-
organisation of the Force, Skelmersdale Sub-Division had become a Division
in its own right with Superintendent A Lincoln as Commander and each of
the new Divisions werestaffed in accordance with a Force-wide role model.
This entailed the re-allocation of duties of certain officers including
the Sergeant who had been responsible for the Northern Parishes. In future,
he would be responsible for policing in the Parishes assisted by Sergeant
Wright who was responsible for all community and rural beat officers. He
indicated that although the Northern parishes had lost 1 Sergeant and 1
PC, the Division had 7 Dog handlers for use throughout the Division and
an armed response team was also on call 24 hours a day. The Traffic Officers
were also now attached to the Division.

Inspector Norris was pleased to report that the Chief Constable was
committed to the provision of Rural Beat Officers throughout the County and
any such officers who were transferred, for whatever reason, would be replaced.

Mr M Goodier highlighted a number of recent incidents which had concerned
the residents of the area and asked if the crime figures had shown a reduction.
Inspector Norris confirmed that upto the 25th July 1993, there had been
375 crimes in the Northern parishes which, in the same period this year,
had reduced to 306. The reduction could be due to a number of factors
and it was too early to say whether the changes in personnel would have
an effect on these figures. He also confirmed that it was the intention
of the police to continue with the present system of maintaining a visible
presence in the Northern Parishes.

Mrs D Trippier felt that the crime rate depended on the behaviour
of the general public and Inspector Norris indicated that the modern view
was that the police should be taking action to prevent crime not just
reacting to crime.

Mr P Handley had the impression that crime in Hesketh Bank had reduced considerably and believed that residents were re-assured to see officers walking round the area. Mrs J Witter felt that crimes were becoming more violent and whilst Inspector Norris had heard similar statements made before, he indicated that the number of assaults in the area this year was only 2 more than in the same period last year. He also said that the problems were greater in other areas of the Division.

In response to further questions, Inspector Norris confirmed that the number of officers in the Division had been reduced slightly but Divisional establishments were fixed using a formula which took account of a number of factors including area, population, number of incidents etc. The priority was 24 hours a day operational policing and at no time at all was Hesketh Bank without police cover. Inspector Norris also indicated that Home Office leaflets on crime prevention were available at Police Station Enquiry Offices.

Mr Handley referred to problems on the Glenpark Drive Play Area which had necessitated a visit to residents by the Chairman of the Council and himself and Inspector Norris undertook to ask the local officers to give the area some attention. He also indicated that it was possible, in future, for the police to utilise a large number of officers in any particular area for short periods in order to deal with specific troublesome problems.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Norris and Sergeant Wright for attending the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Community Care in Tarleton & Hesketh Bank Mrs Trippier and Mr Handley had attended a meeting in Tarleton. It was intended to send out a questionnaire about public or near public services in the area but no-one at the meeting seemed prepared to take the lead. A further meeting would be held on the 1st August 1994 but neither Mrs Trippier or Mr Handley could attend. No-one else volunteered to attend the meeting.

2. LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee This was held on the 8th July 1994 and Mrs L Kershaw reported on the items discussed.

A presentation had been given by Mr S Kent, Countryside Recreation Officer, and a roadshow was to be held in the school holidays. Mr Handley asked members to circulate posters in the Parish. A majority of the Councils present favoured the 8 Unitary Authority option in the Local Government Review. The Deputy Leader of the Labour group on the District Council had suggested that the A,B and C Scheme system for Parish Councils may be changed although nothing had yet been finalised. Simonswood was now a Parish in West Lancashire. A street lighting 'Hot Line' had been established for reporting faults. The Audit of Accounts had been completed. A suggestion for a celebration to mark the Centenary of Parish Councils was a possibility. The Secretary had written to NRA and NWWA about the pollution of rivers on Hoskê Moss. The Waste Disposal Tip at Burscough now had a facility for the disposal of oil. It had also been said that the majority of District Councils were not as generous as West Lancashire in that they did not make grants towards concurrent expenditure.

3. Royal Visit to Blackpool Mrs D Trippier and Mr P Bannister had attended and reported on the afternoon which had included a 2 hour cabaret show before the arrival of the Queen who spent about 10 minutes in the Tower Ballroom.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

- a. Agendas etc. There were no items affecting this Parish.
- b. Timetable of Meetings The new timetable had now been received.
- c. Civic Service An invitation had been received but neither the Clerk nor the Chairman had been able to attend.

2. County Council

- a. Lancashire Quarries The Quarryline had now been established on Preston (0772) 264124.
- b. Street Lighting Hotline Faults should be reported on a Freephone number (0800) 132631.
- c. VAT A letter from the County Treasurer regarding Parish Councils and VAT had been received but it contained no new information.

3. Other Matters

- a. International News The latest edition was passed to Mr P Bannister.
- b. CCL News and Local Council Review The latest editions had been received.
- c. Skelmersdale Fun Day Details had been received.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

38/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following accounts be paid:-

Mr N Marsden - Provision of new Sign Board at Centenary Sports Field including signwriting £ 152.60
(This was an increase of £ 25.00 over the submitted estimate and which had been approved by the Chairman under the authority given at the previous meeting)

CPRE - Annual Subscription £ 15.00
Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils - Training Course for Chairman £ 25.00

Mr D Ward - Cleaning Bus Shelters £ 72.00

2. That in respect of the last item, Mr D Ward be requested to include the new shelter on Shore Road, outside the allotments, entrance in the list ~~of~~ shelters to be cleaned.

3. That, in respect of the account received from Zurich Municipal in the sum of £ 225.00 for the fragmentation insurance on the play equipment, the Clerk be requested to ask the Company for the reasons why the cost had increased from £ 144.00 last year and also be requested to approach Cornhill Insurance for an alternative quotation.

2. Annual Audit This had been completed and the Auditors required to see a copy of the contract for the purchase of the Centenary Sports Field.

3. Other Matters

West Lancashire Play Association The Association, following a meeting with Members of the District Council, had requested that consideration be given by Parish Councils to the making of a donation of £390 towards the cost of the employment of one member of staff and for free use of premises suitable for play days.

39/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Play Association be advised that the Parish Council does not own any premises suitable for play days, and

2. That the Association be advised that an amount of £390 was not included in this Council's budgetted estimates but that consideration will be given to including an amount in next years estimates, at the appropriate time, subject to the receipt by this Council of a copy of the latest accounts of the Association.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster referred to work done by a group of girls in cleaning up the garden at the Village Hall and the Clerk was asked to write to thank Mrs Cohen of Becconsall Lane for arranging for the work to be done.

Mr Foster also referred to vandalism of the trees next to the school and was asked to keep his eye on the situation. The Chairman would also keep a look out.

Mr Foster also passed an opinion that he felt that crime was becoming more violent.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

40/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

No 08/94/0603 Conversion of redundant farm building to detached dwelling - Farm building at Mount Farm, The Brow

No 08/94/0685 O/L for detached bungalow - Rear of 19 Shore Road

2. Development & Planning Committee - 23rd June 1994

41/94 RESOLVED:- That the following be noted:-

No 08/94/0233 O/L for development at 140 Station Road (This was deferred for one cycle to enable consultation between applicant and Parish Council and for further information)

No 08/94/0289 Removal of condition No 3 (Agricultural occupancy) on Planning Permission No 08/89/1507 - Land at Guide Road (This was refused - inadequate justification for removal of condition)

No 08/94/0259 Reserved matters new bungalow etc. rear of 163 Station Road (Approved by Director)

Enforcement No E93/57 Creation of vehicular access - Dunkirk Farm, Shore Road (Appeal lodged to be dealt with by written representations)

No 08/93/0113 Detached dwelling at 198 Moss Lane (Appeal against non-determination had been allowed conditionally)

3. Development & Planning Committee - 28th July 1994

No 08/94/0233 O/L for development at 140 Station Road

A further letter from the applicant's agent had been reported that indicated that initial exploratory discussions had taken place with the Parish Council and further consultations would follow. The recommendation was still for approval.

42/94 RESOLVED:- That the Director of Development & Amenities be advised that no approaches had been made to the Parish Council since the last meeting of the Committee by either the Football Club or the owner of the land.

Applications approved by the Director The following were noted:-

No 08/94/0267 Detached double garage and new vehicular access at 163 Station Road

No 08/94/0458 Extensions at 4 Woodlee Road

No 08/94/0553 Listed building consent at Ferry Cottage, Becconsall Lane

4. Publicity for Planning Applications The new system whereby Parish Councils would receive separate lists of applications in their Parish was noted.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF LANCASHIRE

The Clerk reported receipt of a number of letters on this subject and the Council were asked to indicate their preference for forwarding to the Commission.

43/94 RESOLVED:- That the Council's preference for 8 Unitary Authorities be confirmed.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Moss Lane The pot holes had been filled in by the County Council. It was also reported that the street light requested for Moss Lane had now been erected but on a different pole following concerns expressed by a lady who lived opposite the original pole.

2. Bus Shelters Application had been made to the County Council for a grant for the new shelter on Shore Road. The pane of glass had now been replaced in the shelter outside the Church on Station Road.

3. Other Matters

a. Grass verges A number of complaints had been made but it was indicated that this work was now undertaken by the County Council.

b. Nameplate at The Brow Two nameplates had been erected and one was to be removed.

c. Hesketh Bank Railway The Railway were seeking support for the provision of a sign on the A59. It was suggested that previous correspondence between the Railway and the County Council should be brought to the next meeting of the Council.

d. Road Safety Signs The Clerk undertook to remind the County Surveyor that an answer was still awaited and to add a further 'Children Playing' sign to the list to be sited in Glenpark Drive.

e. Street Seats

44/94 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to contact Mr N Marsden about necessary repairs to the seat in the Bus Shelter by the Church in Station Road and to authorise repairs if the cost is reasonable.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Additional Safety Surfacing The following estimates had been received:-

Mr I J Yates	Glenpark Drive - Climbing Frame	Min. Stand.	£ 612
		BS 5696	£ 1692
	Swings	Min. Stand.	£ 315
		BS 5696	£ 987
	Recreation Ground - Roundabout	Min. Stand.	£ 704
		BS 5696	£ 1472
	Slide		£ 80
Totals - Min. Stand.	£ 1711	To BS 5696	£ 4231

Wicksteed Leisure Glenpark Drive to BS 5696 £ 3237

Recreation Ground to BS 5696 £ 3568

Total £ 6805

Russell Leisure To BS 5696

Total £ 4636

45/94 RESOLVED:- That subject to confirmation that the minimum standard can be extended to comply with BS 5696 in the future and that the gap between the bottom of the roundabout and the new safety surfacing will comply with BS 5696, the Minimum Standard Quotation of Mr I J Yates be accepted in the sum of £ 1711.00

2. Playground booklet An advice booklet had been received from Wicksteed Leisure and ROSPA.

3. Station Road Play Area

46/94 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to approach Mr Mark Taylor about cutting back the overgrown grass on the embankment.

4. Recreation Ground

47/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Chairman and Mr P Bannister be authorised to arrange for the hedge alongside School Fold to be cut at the appropriate time, and

2. That Mr J R Foster be requested to supply an estimate for cutting the hedge behind the bus shelter on Shore Road.

5. Glenpark Drive Play Area The Chairman and Vice-Chairman reported on a meeting with residents of Glenpark Drive who had complained about youths playing football on this site and causing a nuisance when the ball went into the residents' gardens. It was suggested that the area needed to be broken up by additional items of equipment or obstacles to make it more difficult to play football on the site.

48/94 RESOLVED:- That steps be taken to try to secure two concrete sewer pipes for placing on the Glenpark Drive Play Area to act as a barrier to stop games of football being played on this site.

RURAL HOUSING

The Parish Council were asked to decide what action it wished to take, if any, in the light of the results of the Rural Housing Survey reported to the previous meeting of the Council.

49/94 RESOLVED:- That the Rural Housing Association be advised that the Parish Council would like to proceed to the next stage of the process required to secure the building of a Rural Housing Scheme in the Parish covering 16 homes for rent and 6 homes for sale on a shared ownership basis and that Ms Katy Scivyer be invited to attend the next meeting of the Council on Tuesday, 30th August 1994 to discuss the next steps.

STANDING ORDERS

50/94 RESOLVED:- That the provisions of Standing Order No 17 be waived to enable the remaining items of business to be dealt with at this meeting.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Boundary Hedge with No 140 Station Road

51/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the hedge be discussed with representatives of the Football Club at the next meeting between the Council and the Club,

2. That the boundary hedge be laid in the winter months to fill in the current gaps, and

3. That the National Rivers Authority be requested to investigate the legality of the dividing ditch being filled in and so preventing the proper drainage of the cricket pitch and bowling green.

52/94 RESOLVED:- That the members of the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as there is likely to be a disclosure of confidential information.

2. Proposed Leases The Chairman had spoken to the Community Council of Lancashire and had been advised to contact the Sports Council regarding this issue and the possibility of grant aid. It was noted that Mr S Kent of the Development & Amenities Department would be visiting the site on Thursday, 4th August 1994 at 2.00pm with a view to issuing a Registration of Interest Card. It was agreed not to proceed further with the Leases until the present discussions had been held.

3. Additional Land It was reported that Mr T Whitehead had indicated that the Council may ~~make a bid~~ for a piece of land behind the land subject to the Planning Application at 140 Station Road. The land had been measured as 163 yards by 55 yards which equated to about 1.85 acres.

53/94 RESOLVED:- That Mr K Wareing be authorised to approach the owner of the land Mr T Whitehead and offer a sum agreed by the Parish Council for an area of land containing approximately 1.85 acres which is adjacent to the cricket pitch and behind the land currently the subject of a planning application.

Stephen Thorne
30-3-94.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 30th AUGUST 1994

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

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

Apologies were received from Messrs M Goodier; L Greenwood;
P Handley and K Wareing

One member of the public was present.

MINUTES

54/94 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 25th
July 1994 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES There were no items under this heading.

RURAL HOUSING (Katy Scivyer and Kate Astbury attended for this item)

Katy Scivyer reported that 2 steps now needed to be taken as follows:-

1. A bid to be submitted for public funding and following a meeting with Mr Stratford, Housing Officer for West Lancashire District Council, English Rural Housing Association could go ahead with a bid to the Housing Corporation. The Corporation must make the best use of funds and are looking for value for money although the rules are not applied so strictly in respect of rural schemes.
2. A site needs to be identified although this was not essential before the bid is made. The application could benefit from planning concessions in that permission could be granted on a site which would not normally be available for private developers.

The Parish Council needed to come up with a short list of sites and the Planning Officer would do likewise. Hopefully between the two bodies a site would be indentified. The negotiations would be conducted by the Housing Association.

In answer to questions, it was said that one pitfall could be that no money was allocated for 1995 although a pre-allocation could be made for 1996; also a site may not have been bought. The size of site required was between 1 3/4 acre and 2 acres at a ratio of 12/15 homes per acre. The nearest English Rural Housing development was Tarporley, Cheshire and the number of current schemes did not justify a local Management Base at the present time although this could change as more schemes were developed in the North West of England. It was also suggested that the discussion of sites should be undertaken in closed session and that the Council should write to the Housing Corporation in support of the bid when it had been made.

The Chairman thanked Katy and Kate for attending the meeting and for their help and advice to date.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

- a. Agendas There were no items affecting this Parish.
- b. Future of Postal Services The District Council were seeking the support of Parish Councils to its views on a Consultation Paper.

55/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the Consultation Paper on the Future of Postal Services.

2. County Council

- a. Lancashire Countryside Service Details were noted.
- b. A Tourism Strategy for Lancashire The Clerk was asked to notify the County Planning Officer of the error on Page 19 of the Appendices.
- c. Future of Local Government in Lancashire The response of the County Council was noted.

3. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils

- a. Annual General Meeting This would be held on Saturday, 19th November 1994 at County Hall, Preston at 10.30am.
- b. Training Course The Chairman had been booked into the Course to be held on the 12th November 1994.
- c. Energy Conservation Bill The Council's support was requested.

56/94 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council support the introduction of an Energy Conservation Bill provided the Government are prepared to finance the additional 2 District Council Officers who will be required to implement the legislation.

4. West Lancashire Enterprise Trust Details of the Trust were noted.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

57/94 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. North West Water - Water charges £ 11.25
- b. F & J Halsall - Recovering damaged bus shelter £ 70.50

2. Playground Inspection Insurance A response had been received from Cornhill but not from Zurich Municipal. The Clerk undertook to chase Zurich for a response.

3. Audit A copy of the conveyance had been sent to the Auditor.

4. West Lancashire Play Association No further response had been received.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster reported an increase in empty beer bottles and cans which were being left by children who were under age as regarding the purchase of such items. The Chairman undertook to speak to the local Police Officer.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists The following were considered:-

- a. No 08/94/0726 - Removal of agricultural occupancy condition
201 Moss Lane
- b. No 08/94/0730 - Change of use from private dwelling to
house for the elderly 224 Moss Lane
- c. No 08/94/0777 - Replacement dwelling and alterations to
existing access Wood Farm, Boundary Meanygate, Hundred End
- d. No 08/94/0754 - Attached garage 427 Moss Lane
- e. No 08/94/0790 - O/L detached bungalow including details
of siting and means of access (resubmission of 08/93/1108) Land at rear
of 174/176 Station Road

58/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on applications a to e
as listed above.

- f. No 08/94/0762 - 6 detached houses with garages and new
vehicular/pedestrian access Land adjacent 77 Moss Lane

59/94 RESOLVED:- That an objection be made to this application on
the grounds of the number of houses on the site and the increased volume
of traffic generated by the development.

2. Development and Planning Committee - 1st September 1994

60/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following:-

Application No 08/94/0603 - Conversion of redundant farm building
to detached dwelling Mount Farm, The Brow (Delegated to Director subject
to consultation with Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Committee and Section
106 Agreement)

Appeal No 08/93/1088 - O/L detached house and garage (including siting
and means of access) Land adjacent 148 Chapel Road (To be dealt with
by written representations)

2. That the following be noted:-

Approved since last meeting - Application No 08/94/0642 - Certificate
of lawfulness - Use of land for the siting of 4 residential caravans
Douglas Boatyard, Beconsall Lane

3. That the Director of Development and Amenities
be asked for a response to the Council's previous letter about the latter
application at The Boatyard.

3. Publicity for Planning Applications

61/94 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that this Council
do not propose to display application lists on Notice Boards in the Parish
and can see no benefit of having similar lists of approvals supplied on
a weekly basis.

4. Application No 08/94/0233 Development at 140 Station Road

Letters from the Director of Development & Amenities and the Chief Executive were noted as was the fact that permission had now been granted for this development.

5. Lancashire Structure Plan 1991-2006 A copy of the draft plan was noted.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Road Safety Signs The County Surveyor was looking at a standard policy for parish/village boundary signs with a road safety message and would write again. Permanent highways signs e.g. 'Drive carefully - Children playing' etc are not permitted under Traffic Signs Regulations.

2. Bus shelters The Clerk reported an accident which had severely damaged the shelter at the junction of Station Road and Chapel Road (opposite the Village Hall). The Chairman had arranged for the shelter to be removed as it was in a dangerous state and the Clerk had made contact with the owners of the vehicle involved - Croston Conservatories.

The Clerk undertook to seek estimates for a new shelter for the next meeting of the Council.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Provision of Safety Surfacing The quotation of Yates Playgrounds had been accepted and because of the school holidays, the work would be commenced in early September. The Contractor had also confirmed that the gap between the underside of the roundabout and the new surfacing would comply with BS 5696 and that the surfacing could be extended at a later date to comply with the standards laid down in BS 5696.

2. Inspection of Equipment

a. Shore Road The clearance on the swings should be improved to comply with BS 5696. This had previously been checked by an Officer of the District Council who had confirmed that the clearance was acceptable. Mr M Goodier had previously made contact with the Inspector regarding this clearance and it was agreed to defer action until the matter had been clarified with Mr Goodier.

b. Station Road The suspension chains on the swings required replacing and the Chairman undertook to measure the length of the chains.

3. Station Road Area The Chairman reported that to cut the grass on the bridge would cost in the region of £100.

62/94 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to place an order with Mr M Taylor for the grass on the bridge to be cut as soon as possible.

4. Recreation Ground

63/94 RESOLVED:- That Mr P Bannister be requested to arrange for the hedge on the Delta Park side of the ground to be cut at the same time as the hedge on the School Fold side of the ground.

TREE WARDENS, ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND FOOTPATHS

A questionnaire had been passed to the Chairman alongwith details of future training courses. The Chairman indicated that Rural Action will pay upto 50% of the cost of having hedges laid.

ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman, Mr S Trippier declared an interest in this item and took no part in the debate or vote.

64/94 RESOLVED:- That the Allotment Tenants be advised that as from February 1996 the rentals of the plots will be increased to £12.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Hesekth Bank Football Club A letter from the Chairman of the Club was considered by the Council.

65/94 RESOLVED:- That the Football Club be advised that the Parish Council is investigating the possibility, through Rural Action, of engaging Consultants to advise on the long term development of the whole site and would welcome consultations with the Football Club on the adjacent development when the results of the Council's consultations are known.

2. Boundary Ditch The Clerk undertook to contact the NRA regarding the previous letter for advice.

3. Development at Sports Ground The Clerk was asked to obtain advice from the Planning Department about football stands, hoardings and the sale of refreshments from a caravan.

4. Application to Rural Action The Chairman reported on the meeting with Mr S Kemp of the District Council who had indicated that the Council had a case for a feasibility study. A Registration of Interest Card had been completed and sent to Rural Action who had then sent the Chairman an Application Form for Grant Aid.

66/94 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Mrs L Kershaw be authorised to complete the application form for submission to Rural Action.

5. Additional Land It was reported that the owner of the additional land was considering the Parish Council's offer.

6. Football Club Newsletter A copy of the latest newsletter was noted.

Steph Trippier
26-9-94

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 26th SEPTEMBER 1994

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

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

Messrs P Bannister and P Handley

Apologies were received from Mrs J Witter; Messrs M Goodier;
L Greenwood and K Wareing and Mr B Rimmer (Clerk)

One member of the press attended for part of the meeting
and one member of the public attended.

PC M Thackery also attended the first part of the meeting.

In the absence of the Clerk, Mrs L Kershaw took the Minutes.

MINUTES

67/94 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th
August 1994 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to the following
amendments:-

Page 3 Minute 58/94 Remove additional 'e',

Page 5 Item 4 'Kemp' to read 'Kent'.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK

PC Thackery was pleased to report that there had only been one crime
in the village in the past month. He referred to underage drinking and
indicated that he had spoken to all the Off-licenced premises and asked
them to be more vigilant about selling drinks to 18 year olds who were
said to be dispensing it to younger children. He also indicated that
he had been regularly monitoring the Village Hall around which young people
had been noisily congregating. He thought that with the approach of the
dark nights, the problem was tailing off. A resident who lived opposite
the Hall had suggested the removal of the two benches but PC Thackery did
not think this practicable or necessary.

PC Thackery also said that no problems had been reported at Glenpark Drive
and he asked the Council if it thought it practicable to erect a 'No Ball
Games' sign to prevent older boys from playing football on the area.

The Chairman thanked PC Thackery for attending the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items under this heading.

Stephan

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

A. Agendas There was nothing to report.

B. System of Grants to Parish Councils

Mrs L Kershaw reported receipt of an agenda for the newly formed 'Community Liaison Sub-Committee' in which it was mooted that the existing 'A', 'B' and 'C' grants system, whereby schemes had been scrutinised and put into order by the West Lancs. Area Committee of Parish and Town Councils, should be changed and that the Sub-Committee would take this process unto themselves. The suggested process to be as follows:-

1. Parish Councils to submit bids direct to the District Council no later than 15th November 1994,

2. Parish Councils invited to discuss bids with members of the Sub-Committee,

3. Parish Councils be notified of the new arrangements and requested to supply the District Council with a list of facilities/amenities within their parish area.

The Council felt this was inimical to the already low powers of Parish Councils.

68/94 RESOLVED:- That, in view of the deadline of 15th November 1994, the Clerk be requested to make a bid to the District Council for a grant of £3,000 for additional safety surfacing at the Council's play areas. (The above resolution was passed unanimously).

2. County Council There were no items under this heading.

3. Other Matters

A. West Lancs Area Committee of LAP&TC The Council had been reminded of the need to submit A,B and C Schemes. This had been covered in resolution 68/94 above.

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

C. Twinning The Clerk had completed a questionnaire and a booklet and newsletter were passed to Mr P Bannister.

D. Parish Montage Ashlee Partnership of Upholland had offered to come to the Council to explain how to design, execute and finance a montage of the Parish.

69/94 RESOLVED:- That the offer of Ashlee Partnership to visit the Council to explain about a montage be not accepted.

E. British Red Cross

70/94 RESOLVED:- The offer of Mrs L Kershaw to act as liaison between the Council and the British Red Cross be accepted.

F. Trees and Shrubs Catalogue A catalogue from Mahood Bros. was passed to the Chairman.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

71/94 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

B Rimmer - Clerk's Salary & expenses £ 477.66

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

West Lancs. District Council - Streetcleaning payment £ 1628.56

3. Insurance

The Clerk had still not received a reply from Zurich Insurance about the increase in premium for play equipment inspections from £ 144 to £225. A quotation had been received from Cornhill Insurance in the sum of £ 225 but for only one inspection per year as against two by Zurich.

72/94 RESOLVED:- (1) That the increased quotation of Zurich Insurance be accepted, and

(2) That the Clerk be requested to again ask Zurich Insurance for an explanation of the increase in premium.

4. Allotment Rentals Messrs S Bibby and M Baxter had paid the rentals for next year.

5. Safety Surfacing

73/94 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to arrange for the following account to be paid and for the receipt of the grant from the District Council:-

Mr I Yates - Safety Surfacing £ 2010.00

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr J R Foster asked whether the Council had appointed Managers to look after the Sports Field, Financial Matters and Housing and was advised that the Council as a whole dealt with all those matters.

Mr Ball expressed concern about the new edifice said to be arising on the football field.

Mr Foster asked about the system of inspection for the bus shelters and was advised that the man who cleaned the shelters and Councillors kept an eye on them.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

A. Application No 08/94/0833 O/L 3 detached dormer bungalows and garages (including details of siting and means of access) Land at rear of 10 Moss Lane. (To Committee)

74/94 RESOLVED:- That the Council object to this application of the grounds of poor access and visibility on a dangerous bend.

B. Application No 08/94/0863 Application for approval as to whether prior approval is required for erection of packhouse Seven Oaks Nurseries, 222 Moss Lane (Non-controversial)

C. Application No 08/94 0877 Erection of 6 poly tunnels 36 Moss Lane (Non-controversial)

D. Application No 08/94/0878 Block of greenhouses and reservoir Belvedere Nurseries, Chapel Road (Non-controversial)

E. Application No 08/94/0685 Detached bungalow Rear of 19 Shore Road (To Committee)

F. Application No 08/94/0894 Packing shed and alterations to existing vehicular access 255 Moss Lane (Non-controversial)

75/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on applications Nos B to F above.

2. Development and Planning Committee - 29th September 1994

Owing to the absence of Councillor M Goodier, this agenda was not available.

3. Other matters

Douglas Boatyard A reply to the request for information about a 'Certificate of Lawfulness' was still awaited.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Road Safety Signs The County Surveyor had indicated that signs at the entrance to the Parish would be allowed but must be paid for by the Parish Council at a cost of between £ 150 to £ 200 for each sign.

76/94 RESOLVED:- That a decision on the purchase of road safety be deferred to a future meeting of the Council.

2. Bus Shelters There was still no word from the Insurers of the vehicle which demolished the shelter on Station Road opposite the Nursing Home. The Clerk has requested estimates from Merseybus and Autocross. The Chairman had received a catalogue and samples of material from Autocross. A rough order of cost was £ 999 for a shelter with a seat welded in, whilst 2 shelters without seats would cost £ 850 each. Erection costs for prepared sites amounted to £ 185. *with 1 seat included in 1 shelter*

77/94 RESOLVED:- That a decision on the erection of a new shelter be deferred until contact has been made with the Insurance Company concerned. *Def. Tip*

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground Mr I Yates had completed the new safety surfacing.

2. Glenpark Drive The safety surfacing was complete and the Chairman was still trying to obtain sewer pipes to break up the open area.

The Council considered the suggestion made by PC Thackery for 'No ball games' signs to be erected.

78/94 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Councillor P Handley be authorised to look at the area with a view to a sign 'Hesketh-with-Beaconsall Parish Council - Play Area - No Ball Games' being erected so that vehicles approaching from either direction could see it.

3. Station Road Area The Chairman undertook to measure the length of the chains on the swings to enable the Clerk to order replacements.

It was also reported that Mr M Taylor had partly completed the grasscutting at this site.

TREE WARDENS, ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND FOOTPATHS

A copy of 'Tree Warden News' was passed to the Chairman.

The Chairman had also received a 'Register of Interest' card from Mr S Kent, Leisure Officer of the District Council, to enable the Council to apply for a grant for hedge laying etc through Rural Action.

In addition, the Chairman suggested that trees might be planted along the footpath running downstream of the River Douglas and coming out at Marsh Road and that the footpath at Dib Road perhaps be considered for the same treatment.

79/94 RESOLVED:- That Mrs Kershaw and Messrs Handley and Trippier be authorised to walk the footpath on Sunday, 2nd October 1994 and suggest possible sites for trees.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Boundary Ditch The National Rivers Authority had inspected the ditch and assumed it had been culverted although the start of the culvert could not be found due to the overgrowth of the land. It was also felt that the work had been undertaken too long ago for action to be taken. If the free passage of water was impeded then action should be taken through the Local Authority although as the ditch was a boundary the Parish Council would be jointly responsible with the adjacent owner.

The following points were made by members of the Council:-

1. The present owner had filled it in over the past 3/4 years,
2. There is a 4" pipe at one end but it has been laid on soft clay,
3. It is thought that the drainage ditch belongs to the Council (having previously been owned by the Sports Company).

80/94 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to write to the Secretary of the Sports Company regarding the ownership of the northern boundary of the field and to Mr T Whitehead regarding the southern boundary of the field.

2. Application to Rural Action Mrs Kershaw was completing the form and would seek the help of Mr A Cunningham. The application would include details of the time spent by Councillors to fulfil Rural Action's criterion for 50% grant.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

81/94 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (CONT)

3. Purchase of Additional ^{Land} There was nothing to report.

4. Future Development The Chairman and Mrs Kershaw had met with Mr Wyn Sheryn, a Free-lance Consultant, Secretary to the Lancashire Playing Fields Association and formerly Leisure Officer of the West Lancs. District Council.

They had given Mr Sheryn all the facts and spent an hour with him at the Sports Ground. He had started to draw up a 'Mission Statement' at the site and would submit the finished statement to the Council in due course. They felt he was a man of great experience with innovative ideas and they had been greatly heartened by the meeting.

5. Correspondence from Hesketh Bank AFC A further letter had been received from the Chairman of the Club which intimated their dissatisfaction with the tardiness of the Council in granting leases. The Clerk had drafted a suggested reply setting out the Council's position and the constraints the Council had to work under and the Council warmly praised the Clerk's efforts and agreed with the contents of the reply.

PROVISION OF RURAL HOUSING - IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE SITES

The Chairman, using the maps supplied by Rural Housing, identified two sites, on both of which planning applications for housing had been refused and appeals dismissed. Both sites were in the Green Belt.

82/94 RESOLVED:- That the two sites now identified be submitted to Rural Housing and the District Council for consideration as sites for the erection of Rural Housing in the Parish.

Stephan Thpp
24 Oct 94.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 24th OCTOBER 1994

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; 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
two members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

83/94 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendments, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th September 1994 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 4 Item 2. Bus shelters Line 6 After '£850 each' add
' with 1 seat included in one of the shelters.'

Page 6 Item 3 Heading to read 'Purchase of Additional Land'

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Village Housing The Clerk had spoken to Kate Astbury at the Chester Office who had indicated that the Chester Office was to close and all correspondence should be directed to Skipton who would approach the District Council about the sites identified by the Parish Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Agendas There were no items affecting this Parish.

b. Affordable Homes in Rural Communities A new Advice Note on this subject had been received.

c. Parish Council Capital Schemes Two further letters had been received from the District Council regarding bids for Capital Schemes. Mrs L Kershaw reported on a letter she had sent to the District Council on behalf of the Area Committee of Parish Councils regarding the further information requested by the District Council.

84/94 . RESOLVED:- 1. That the decision to submit a bid for a grant of £3000 for additional safety surfacing at the Council's Play Areas be confirmed,

2. That Representatives of the Council attend the meeting of the Sub-Committee to put the Parish Council's case for a grant, and

3. That a list of existing facilities be submitted to the District Council once clarification has been received in answer to the Area Committee's letter.

d. Citizens Guide The Clerk undertook to respond to the questionnaire.