

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH APRIL 1995

PRESENT:-

Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; H Sephton; and D Trippier

Messrs P Bannister (from 7.45pm); M Goodier;  
L Greenwood; R Iddon and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mrs L Kershaw and Mrs J Witter and 4 members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

162/94 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th March, 1995 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment:-

Page 4 - Item 3 Footpaths Second line, 'Chapel Road' to read 'Moss Lane'.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK (PC M Thackery attended for this item)

PC Thackery referred to the Minutes of the previous meeting and said he was surprised that the survey of residents adjacent to Glenpark Drive had revealed that the majority had no objection to football being played on that area as he had previously received complaints about balls hitting the fence panels surrounding the area.

In response to items raised, PC Thackery undertook to keep an eye out at The Green where children had been playing around the old greenhouses and certain abandoned cars and also at Cropper Gardens where cars were being parked in front of the sheltered housing making it difficult for emergency vehicles to gain access. PC Thackery indicated that he could not force people not to park in front of the sheltered housing but only ask them politely not to do so.

The Chairman thanked PC Thackery for attending the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Tarleton and Hesketh Bank Village Questionnaire

It was reported that about 64 had attended the meeting and, after 4 group discussions, a plenary session had been held involving representatives of a number of statutory and voluntary organisations. The Organisers had been pleased with the response to the exercise.

2. The Brow Wall

The County Surveyor would undertake a survey of the wall and a response was still awaited from the District Council.

3. Chapel Road

The hedge would be cut back but the owner was not happy and felt that the Council should have more pressing things to attend to.

4. Glenpark Drive Play Area

Mr M. Goodier indicated that he had received letters from residents some time ago and the Council had considered the possibility of erecting a 'No football' sign.

5. Station Road - Flooding

The County Surveyor had not been able to find the source of the problem and had requested a map. It was suggested that the sewer was subsiding on the car park and when the dip in the ground filled up it overflowed onto the road and ran down to Mill Lane. The Clerk undertook to advise the County Council accordingly.

6. Streetlighting

The Clerk reported that the County Council were to undertake an inspection of the lights in Hesketh Bank this evening and that the Council were also not satisfied with the performance of NORWEB and had asked that Company to improve on previous performance.

7. Replacement Shrubs

Mrs H Sephton had obtained some replacement shrubs from Mahood's and suggested some sites where they could be planted. The Clerk undertook to write to thank Mahood's for their assistance and generosity.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Agendas

There were no items affecting this Parish.

b. Parish Council's Charter

Due to the initial lack of response from Parishes, only 5 including this Parish having replied, the Sub-Committee would now consider the matter on the 20th June, 1995.

c. VE Celebrations/Commemorations

Advice from the District Council was noted. *St.*

d. Civic Reception - 25th April 1995

The Chairman and Clerk would attend the Annual Reception for Parish Councils.

2. Other Matters

a. Lancs. Association of Parish and Town Councils

1. Area Committee This would be held on the 21st April, 1995.

2. Newsletter A draft consultation document for increased consultation between the County Council and Parish Councils was included.

b. Association for Conservation of Energy

The Home Energy Conservation Bill had now passed through the Commons and was in the Lords. The Council were now asked to support the Energy Saving Materials (Rate of VAT) Bill 1995. The Clerk was requested to write to the persons listed voicing the Council's support for this measure.

c. Lancashire Constabulary

A copy of the Skelmersdale Division Policing Plan had been received.

d. B. A. Defence - Military Aircraft

B.A. had indicated that the current night flying programme was to last until the end of April with a maximum of 2 flights per week.

e. MANWEB

It was noted that MANWEB shops were to be converted to Dedicated Customer Service Centres.

f. Good Neighbour Scheme

The AGM would be held in the Village Hall on Thursday the 27th April, 1995 at 7.30pm and all members of the Parish Council would be made most welcome.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for payment

163/94 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. Yates Playgrounds - New chains  | £ 64.62 |
| (The Clerk would await confirmation from the Chairman that the chains were the correct length) |         |
| b. Mr M Whiteside - Drainage pipes   | £ 24.72 |

2. Receipts

The following had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council - Street Cleaning	£ 622.61
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3. Donations

The Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme had thanked the Council for its donation.

4. Water Supply at Changing Hut, Recreation Ground

The Football Club had paid the water bill of £52.98 together with the rental for the use of the Recreation Ground of £40.00. The Club, however, did not accept that the amount of water stated had been used and had asked if the Council would approach NW Water about the possibility of there being a leak in the system. The Clerk had written to NW Water and was awaiting a response.

The Club had also asked for details of the area of the Station Road Centenary Sports Ground to be included in the proposed lease as a Rate Demand had been received from the District Council based on area.

5. West Lancashire District Council Budget

A copy had been received.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

164/94 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/95/0237 Continuation of use - Use of 1 room of dwelling for hairdressing (Renewal of 08/90/0126) - 19 Silverdale

b. No 08/95/0261 Reserved matters - Detached dwelling and garage Land adjacent to 1 The Green

c. No 08/95/0287 Conversion of barn to single dwelling - Dunkirk Farm Barn, Shore Road (This would be determined by the Committee and would be approved if it complied with the Barn Conversion Policy)

d. No 08/95/0293 Erection of 2 storey detached dwelling - Land adjacent to 1A Guide Road (This would be determined by the Committee)

e. No 08/95/0288 Single storey/first floor extension at rear 50A Newarth Road

f. No 08/95/0302 Incorporation of land into residential curtilage 10 Moss Lane

g. No 08/95/0309 Conversion of vacant coach house to a granny flat (including covered link) - 163 Station Road

The Parish Council also noted that the District Council had made an application in respect of the Recreation Hall at Greaves Hall, Banks.

2. Development and Planning Committee - 13th April 1995

The Clerk had not received his copy of the agenda but Mr M Goodier indicated that there did not appear to any contentious items on the agenda.

BUS SHELTER - STATION ROAD/CHAPEL ROAD

The Council considered the location for the replacement shelter which had been damaged in an accident at the end of 1994. The owner of the property behind the shelter was anxious to know the Council's plans so that he could take appropriate action in respect of his property.

It was pointed out that only 1/3rd of the buses passing through the village used the bus stop at the junction of Station Road and Chapel Road. It was felt that permission would not be given to reposition the stop prior to the junction and, therefore, alternative sites were considered.

165/95 RESOLVED:- That permission be sought to resite the shelter at Cropper Gardens opposite No 141 Chapel Road.

The Clerk reported that the Insurance Assessors had offered the Council the sum of £1,152.50 in settlement of the claim for damages which was less than the actual costs to be met by the Council.

166/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That the offer of £1,152.50 in ~~respect~~<sup>respect</sup> of the Council's insurance claim be not accepted, and

2. That the Clerk be requested to obtain an up to date price for the new shelter as a matter of urgency and advise the Assessors of the total actual cost of the replacemnet.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.55pm for the Annual Parish Assembly to take place.

The meeting was reconvened at 10.00pm with the same members present except for Mr P Bannister.

#### EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

167/94 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the remaining items of business.

#### STANDING ORDERS

168/94 RESOLVED:- That the provisions of Standing Order No 17 be waived to enable the remaining items of business to be transacted.

#### CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND, STATION ROAD

1. Leases for Sports Clubs It was suggested that members may wish to bring comments on the draft lease to the next meeting and that the areas to be included should be measured and defined on a plan to be attached to the leases.

169/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Sports Ground Committee be authorised to measure up the areas to be included in the leases and agree those areas prior to the next meeting of the Council,

2. That the Sports Ground Committee be authorised to prepare a plan for the next meeting of the Council indicating the areas to be leased to the 3 Sports Clubs,

3. That members of the Council bring to the next meeting of the Council any comments they may have on the draft leases,

4. That, following the next meeting, the Council's Solicitor be requested to prepare leases for submission to the 3 Sports Clubs, and be ~~requested~~ <sup>requested</sup> to advise the Council on future action in respect of the Sports Ground.

#### 2. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of letters from the Council's Insurance Company, the Chairman of the Football Club (with minimum information), the Secretary of the Football Club and the Operations and Development Manager of the Football Club. The Council noted that the Chairman of the Football Club had indicated that all future correspondence should be channelled through the Football Club's Secretary. The Football Club had apparently not taken any steps to regularise the position with regard to planning permissions for various structures on the site. The Football Club had also requested permission to erect a fence around the pitch.

170/94 RESOLVED:- 1. That permission to erect a fence around the football pitch be refused and the Football Club be advised accordingly,

2. That the Clerk be authorised to answer the various points made by the Football Club and remind the Club of the pre-conditions set by the Council before a lease will be signed in respect of the football pitch.

3. LAND ADJACENT TO SPORTS GROUND

It was reported that the owner of the land had been fined, a 3 figure sum, and been ordered to remove the caravan from the site.

John T. P. J.  
15-5-95.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THE 15th MAY, 1995

PRESENT:-

Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

Mesdames N Goodier; L Kershaw; H Sephton; D Trippier  
and J Witter & Mr K. Wavemy.

Messrs M Goodier and R Iddon

Apologies were received from Mr L Greenwood and the Clerk

Six members of the public were present

The Minutes were taken by Mrs L Kershaw

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

1/95 RESOLVED:- That Mr S Trippier be elected as Chairman of the Council for the year 1995/96.

Mr Trippier duly made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

2/95 RESOLVED:- That Mrs L Kershaw be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 1995/96.

MINUTES

3/95 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendments, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th April, 1995 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

- a. Page 2 - VE Celebrations 'advise' to read 'advice'.
- b. Page 2 Item 4 Delete 'some time ago' and insert 'since the last meeting'.
- c. Page 4 Resolution 166/95 'rsepect' to read 'respect'.
- d. Page 5 Resolution 169/95 'requeseted' to read 'requested'.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. The Brow Wall It was understood that the wall was being surveyed today.
2. Streetlighting The County Surveyor had indicated that only two lights were out immediately following the last meeting. These were both awaiting repair by NORWEB who had been expedited.
3. Water Supply Still no reply from NWWater.
4. Village Appraisal Mrs D Trippier reported a very poor attendance. However, a group had been formed to look into a 'car scheme' which LCC is operating. Samlesbury has had a car scheme operating for years and it works well. The Officer is arranging a meeting with a little group in the Library on the 22nd May. 3 or 4 members offered to form a group to look into the setting up of such a scheme. Someone would be provided with an answer phone and will offer to be on duty for two hours every day to co-ordinate the transport volunteers, who would be given money for petrol.

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APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

4/95 RESOLVED:- That the following appointments be made for the year 1995/96:-

- a. LAP&TC WEST LANCS AREA COMMITTEE - Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mrs N Goodier.
- b. LAYFIELD CHARITY - Mrs D Trippier.
- c. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE - Mrs L Kershaw.
- d. LANCS PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION - Mrs J Witter
- e. COUNCIL FOR PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND - Mr S Trippier

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

5/95 RESOLVED:- That the Constitution and Membership of Committees for the season 1995/96 be as follows:-

- a. RECREATION COMMITTEE - Chairman plus 4 members - Mesdames N Goodier & J Witter and Messrs M Goodier & R Iddon.
- b. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE - 5 members - Mr P Bannister (Chairman), Mesdames H Sephton & J Witter and Messrs L Greenwood & K Wareing.
- c. FOOTPATHS, TREE WARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE Chairman plus 5 members - Mesdames L Kershaw, H Sephton & D Trippier and Messrs M Goodier & K Wareing.
- d. CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE - Chairman plus 3 members Vice-Chairman, Mrs N Goodier and Mr K Wareing.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

- a. Agendas There were no items affecting this Parish.
- b. Parish Council Finance Confirmation had been received from the District Council of an allocation of £3,000.

6/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That safety surfacing be provided for the slide on the Recreation Ground at Shore Road and the swings at Glenpark Drive,

2. That the Clerk be requested to check the specification which is believed to be BS 575, and

3. That quotations be invited from Yates Playgrounds and Russell Leisure.

c. Concurrent Expenditure The District Council had requested financial information from Parish Councils to include acreage of recreation areas and numbers and locations of seats and bus shelters. The Clerk would arrange for the information to be provided with assistance from various Councillors.



2. Other Matters

a. Council for Voluntary Service A meeting had been held on the 9th May 1995 but was not attended by a representative of this Council. Some leaflets had also been received.

b. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils

1. Course for new Councillors One would be held on the 17th June 1995. Mrs H Sephton was interested in attending and Mr R Iddon was uncertain if he would be available.

7/95 RESOLVED:- That authority be given to the attendance of Mrs Sephton and Mr Iddon and the Clerk be authorised to pay the necessary fees.

2. Salaries for Clerks A new method of calculating the salary of the Clerk had been circulated and the Clerk had undertaken to look at the implications for this Council.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

£/95 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	M H Whiteside - Repairs to drain on allotments	£ 10.00
b.	CPRE - Annual subscription	£ 15.00
c.	Mr N Marsden - Repairs to bus shelter and seat	£ 68.90
d.	Mr A Coxhead - Grass mowing	£ 35.25

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

a.	West Lancashire District Council - Precept	£ 7,500.00
	- Concurrent expenditure	£ 710.00

3. Grants All Saints PCC had thanked the Council for the grants towards the Burial Ground and the repairs to the clock face and estimates of income and expenditure for the Burial Ground had also been submitted.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was stated that the Salvation Army and book Skips had been moved to the front of the Village Hall because not enough clothes etc. were being deposited whilst they were sited at the back of the Hall. The evening the skips had been moved a gang of hooligans had congregated making a fearsome noise and throwing beer cans around etc. The residents were advised to call the Police but continued to shout at members of the Council until the Chairman eventually restored control and moved on to the next item on the agenda.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists The following were considered:-

9/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/95/0164 - Extensions to greenhouses; alterations to access, parking and turning areas and fencing - Briarcroft Nurseries, 115 Moss Lane

b. No 08/95/0390 - Renewal of permission (o8/91/0896) - Retention of caravan (7'6" x 14'6") for use as rest room in connection with market garden business - 140 Moss Lane

c. No 08/95/0391 - Retention of garden shed & erection of greenhouse 6 Rose Gardens

d. No 08/95/0394 - Reserved matters Landscaping - Hesketh Lodge, Dib Road

2. Planning Committee - 18th May 1995

10/95 RESOLVED:- That the following items be noted:-

a. No 08/93/1008 - Change of use of existing shop, joiners shop and snooker club to 4 flats, construction of 1 bungalow to the rear, associated external works, parking and alteration to access - 12A Moss Lane (Recommendation - Granted)

b. No 08/95 0203 - Two storey extension - Hesketh Cottage, Shore Road (Recommendation - Granted)

c. No 08/95/0179 - Erection of detached dwelling and new vehicular/pedestrian access to existing bungalow - 77 Moss Lane (Recommendation - Granted)

d. Appeal Lodged - TPO (No 1) 1986 - Felling of 1 sycamore tree at 10 Rose Gardens (To be dealt with by written reps).

e. Applications approved by Director of Development

i. No 08/94/0894 - Packing shed and alterations to existing vehicular access - 255 Moss Lane

ii No 08/94/1181 - Consideration of details for Prior Approval - Erection of agricultural building including office, wc and store - 416 Moss Lane

iii No 08/95/0118 - Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for details - Agricultural storage/packing building - New House Farm, Boundary Lane, Hundred End

iv No 08/95/0152 - Retention of 1.2m diameter satellite dish - 87 Station Road

3. Local Plan - Consultation Meetings It was agreed that the District Council would be advised that 10 members would wish to attend. A possible venue would be the Village Hall seating about 30, car parking for 10/12, not to be held on the 19th June 1995.

4. Low Cost Housing A revised application had been submitted for Fermor Road. A letter from the Director of Housing at West Lancashire District Council had also been received.

11/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council has nothing to add to the objections already made in respect of this application, and

2. That the Director of Housing be thanked for his support to the Parish Council's proposals for low cost housing in Hesketh Bank.

5. Best Kept Village Competition Mr M Goodier reported that the Parish had been entered in the Best Kept Village Competition.

#### HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Hedge Cutting It appeared that the former Sports Company used to cut the hedge in front of the Village Hall and it was asked who would cut it in future. Hourwatch are to be asked to cut their hedge.

2. Grass Cutting It was asked who should cut the grass to the east of the Chapel in Chapel Road. Mr M Goodier had told the County Council but no action had been taken.

3. Bus Shelters Mr M Goodier referred to a rolling programme of maintenance of bus shelters some of which were now looking tatty. The Clerk was asked about possible finance for such a programme.

Reference was also made to the siting of the bus shelter at Cropper Gardens which was not popular with residents. It was suggested to move it to Nook Farm, Chapel Road or the bottom of Meadow Lane. The latter site was agreed subject to further discussions after the insurance claim has been settled.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Glenpark Drive Play Area Mr M Goodier asked if the area had been sprayed. It appeared that it had been and it was decided to wait and see whether it had taken.

#### ALLOTMENTS

The Allotments Committee would undertake an inspection when crops were growing.

#### TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS

12/95 RESOLVED:- That meetings of the Council be held at 7.30pm on each of the following dates which are all Monday evenings except where shown:-

19th June 1995	24th July 1995	4th September 1995
2nd October 1995	30th October 1995	27th November 1995
2nd January 1996 (Tuesday)	29th January 1996	26th February 1996
25th March 1996	22nd April 1996	

#### GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Mrs D Trippier reported on the Annual General Meeting of the Good Neighbour Scheme which was not well attended. She felt more assistance was required from new persons to keep the scheme going. It was suggested that she asks Jill Burke of the Village Visitor to do an interview and also perhaps put an article in the Parish Magazine.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs J Witter suggested that Public Participation should be suspended and replaced by written applications to speak. No-one else supported this view and it was agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting of the Council.

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Stephan Trippier  
17-6-95.*

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

13/95 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the remaining items of business to be transacted.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Leases (Mr P Bannister declared an interest in this item as he receives an honorarium from one of the Sports Clubs)

The members of the Centenary Sports Ground Committee had not been able to discuss this item and the matter was, therefore deferred to a future meeting.

2. Conifers at entrance A verbal request for a meeting to discuss the conifers had been received from the Football Club. It was agreed to request the Clerk to ask the County Surveyor for his advice as to whether or not the conifers and hedge complied with the terms of the Planning Permission.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 19th JUNE 1995

PRESENT:-

Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

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

Messrs P Bannister, L Greenwood, R Iddon and K Wareing

Apologies received from Mrs N Goodier Mr M Goodier and The Clerk. Four members of the press and public were present.

PC M Thackery attended for part of the meeting.

Mrs L Kershaw took the minutes of the meeting.

MINUTES

14/95 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the addition of Mr K Wareing to the members present, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th May 1995 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. The Brow Wall This had been inspected by the County Surveyor's Department and discussions were taking place with the Highways Maintenance Section to decide the next action. There was, however, no immediate danger to road users.

2. Water Supply at Recreation Ground A reply was still awaited from NWWater.

3. Course for New Councillors Mrs H Sephton and Mr R Iddon would now attend a course on the 8th July 1995.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District council - Agendas There were no items affecting this Parish.

2. County Council

Burscough Youth & Community Centre The official opening was to be on Saturday, 1st July, 1995 at 1.30pm and the Council had been invited to send a representative. No councillors were able to attend.

3. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils

a. Application for HGV Operators' Licence - Annadale Farm, Shore Road

Mrs H Sephton lives 3 doors away and had objected. No other comments were made.

b. AGM of West Lancashire Area Committee - 14th July 1995

The agenda was noted.

4. Other Matters

a. West Lancashire Victim Support Scheme There was a poor attendance at the AGM.

Prof. W Kershaw had resigned as Vice-Chairman and been replaced by Councillor Mrs U Atherley. A Fund-raiser was required to replace the new Vice-Chairman. A very good talk was given by a psychiatric nurse from Park Lane/Ashwoth Hospitals, Maghull.

b. Crossroads Mrs D Trippier undertook to attend the AGM on Monday, 10th July 1995 at 7.30pm.

c. Correspondence from Mr J R Foster Letters to the Clerk and District Council were read together with the reply from the District Council. It was felt that as Mr Foster attended all Parish Council meetings he should have known the answers to his questions.

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

e. Hesketh Bank Silver Band Mrs D Trippier had written to the Council about the recent centenary of the Silver Band and outlined the various events staged to make the occasion.

The Clerk was asked to write to thank the Band for all the time and effort put into its organisation for the enjoyment of the village and the public at large.

#### FINANCE

##### 1. Accounts for Payment

15/95 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	Cornhill Insurance - Premium	£ 209.70
b.	West Lancashire DC - Election expenses	£ 803.36
c.	North West Water - Water charges	£ 12.35
d.	Mr B Rimmer - Clerk's salary & expenses	£ 476.81

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

West Lancashire DC - Street cleaning payment	£ 1646.44
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#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Miss Taylor & Mr Hodge complained about youths congregating outside the Village Hall and the 'eyesore skips'. They were advised that the District Council refused to move the skips as they were not used when sited behind the hall.

Complaints were also made about speeding cattle wagons, one in particular. It was agreed to take this up with the local PC.

#### FUTURE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs L Kershaw proposed that Standing Orders in relation to public Participation be suspended for 3 months. She said that councillors had been distressed and offended by comments made at the last 3 meetings and on other occasions, and that she was no longer prepared to put up with the noise and obstreperous behaviour of some members of the public. She explained that Public Participation was not mandatory or a statutory requirement and that many Parish Councils had no Public Participation.

On being put to the vote, all Parish Councillors, except the Chairman, who abstained, voted in favour of the motion and it was, therefore,

16/95 RESOLVED:- That Standing Orders in relation to Public Participation be suspended for 3 months.

After the vote, a member of the public asked what they should do if they wished to ask questions of the Council and was advised either to contact any Councillor or to put the matter in writing.

#### PLANNING MATTERS

1. Planning & Control Committee - 22nd June 1995

a. Application

No 08/95/0164 Extension of existing greenhouses; alterations to access, parking and turning areas, inclusion of fencing and landscaping details Briarcroft Nurseries, 115 Moss Lane (RECOMMENDATION - Granted)

17/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. Approved by Director The following were noted:-

No 08/95/0302 Incorporation of land into residential curtilage  
10, Moss Lane

No 08/95/0391 Retention of garden shed and erection fo greenhouse  
6 Rose Gardens

2. Weekly Lists

18/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/95/0398 Part first floor, part 2 story extension at side  
122 Chapel Road

b. No 08/95/0473 Erection of barn & construction of access road  
Land at Shore Road/Dib Road

3. West Lancashire Local Plan - Consultation The Chairman indicated that the only land to be developed, apart from 'in-fills' would lie between Mill Lane and Asland Gardens.

The Council were reminded that the caravan exhibition would be at The Becconsall Hotel on the 30th June, 1995.

19/95 RESOLVED:- That no collective comments be made on the Local Plan.

4. Development at 140, Station Road This item was dealt with later in the meeting.

4. Amended Plan in respect of No 08/95/0261 The application for a detached dwelling and garage, land adj. 1 The Green had been amended.

20/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

#### POLICING MATTERS (PC M Thackery attended for this item)

PC Thackery was advised about the earlier discussion on youths congregating at the Village Hall and the speeding of cattle wagons through the village. It was also reported that white paint and been used on the play equipment at Station Road but had been removed by Mr J R Foster.

PC Thackery indicated that he had also had complaints from the public about these matters but said he had not noticed more than 3/4 youths at the Village Hall lately. There had also been a large group drinking and action had been taken against one person.

Turning to crime in the village, PC Thackery indicated that last year had been an all time low but it had slightly increased so far this year although it was still lower than the year before last. There had been a spate of thefts from cars but in May a man from Leyland had been arrested who had made two visits to the village and been responsible for 20 thefts.

Mrs D Trippier asked about the possibility of placing a traffic island in the middle of Chapel Road, at its junction with Station Road, mainly to prevent vehicles from cutting the corner. PC Thackery undertook to speak to the Traffic Department about this suggestion. He also undertook to speak to them about the possibility of examining tachographs in respect of the speeding cattle wagons referred to earlier.

A discussion took place about the possible re-siting of the skips at the Village Hall but no firm conclusions were reached.

#### HIGHWAYS MATTERS

##### 1. Bus Shelters

a. Maintenance There was an amount of £350 in the estimates which was the cost of cleaning the shelters last year. An amount had been included for the replacement of one shelter but this was dependent on a grant being received from the County Council.

It was agreed to leave further discussion until the Clerk was present.

b. Grant for Replacement A grant had been applied for in respect of the shelter at the junction of Station Road and Meadow Lane.

2. Grass and Hedge Cutting The Divisional County Surveyor had been approached and a reply was awaited.

3. Flooding in Station Road The Divisional County Surveyor would look again at the problem during the next spell of wet weather.

4. The Walk (Shore Road) It was reported that a post had been erected at the bottom of The Walk with a sign, 'Footpath' on it. The post was still there but the sign was missing. It was agreed to take no action as it was suspected that a local landowner had removed it.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground There were no items to report.

2. Glenpark Drive Play Area No items were raised.

3. Station Road Play Area Mr J R Foster confirmed that the play equipment had been covered in white paint which he had scrubbed off.

#### ALLOTMENTS

The Allotments Committee had inspected and reported that everything was 'fantastic', neat, tidy and most pleasing.

#### EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

21/95 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the remaining items of business.



## CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Entrance to site The Clerk had spoken to the County Surveyor's Department about the sight lines at the entrance and whether the previous planning conditions regarding the visibility at the entrance could be enforced. The Clerk was advised to speak to the Planning Department at the District Council. If the planners felt it could be enforced, the Surveyor would assist in identifying the true line and height of the conifers.

2. Planning Application for site adjacent to Sports Ground A copy of the detailed planning application was shown to the meeting by the Chairman. It was noted that, as in the outline application, the site edged blue and the road to the playing field were shown on the plan as being controlled/owned by the Football Club and not the Parish Council.

22/95 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the Football Club have not approached the Parish Council regarding negotiations as to access to the proposed site and that, in any event, under no circumstances would the Parish Council grant access across land in its ownership.

3. Northern Boundary of Sports Ground The Chairman suggested three possible courses of action in respect of the northern boundary of the Sports Ground. Considerable discussion took place on this issue and the possible cost of legal advice.

23/95 RESOLVED:- That Mr K Wareing be authorised to seek advice from his Solicitor, who is an expert on boundary disputes, and report back to the next meeting of the Council.

4. Sign for Bowling Club Mr R Iddon, on behalf of the Bowling Club referred to matches imminent in July and asked if the Club could erect a sign so that visiting teams could find the Club. Mr Iddon was advised that planning permission should be sought but it was agreed that the Club could erect a temporary sign.

A further discussion took place on the hedges and conifers alongside Station Road. It was indicated that the conifers were obscuring the Sports Ground sign.

24/95 RESOLVED:- That Mr A Coxhead be requested to trim the outside of the hedges and trim the conifers round the sign.

5. Proposed Leases The question of the issuing of leases was discussed at length.

25/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mrs L Kershaw be requested to consult the Council's Solicitor regarding the possible consequences of charging the three sports clubs rents without leases having been entered into to,

2. That in the light of the advice given Mrs Kershaw be authorised to write letters to the clubs as agreed at the meeting requesting rental for the year 1994/95 and indicating the rental for the year 1995/96, without prejudice to the future issue of leases,

3. That Mr K Wareing be authorised to ascertain from the Secretary of the former Sports Company, the most recent rents paid by the sports clubs, and

4. That leases be proceeded with when the current boundary dispute has been settled and the previous conditions set by the Council have been complied with as appropriate.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 24th JULY, 1995

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

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

Messrs L Greenwood; R Iddon and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mr P Bannister

PC M Thackery attended for part of the meeting and three members of the press and public were present.

MARK GOODIER The Council stood in silent tribute to Mark Goodier who had tragically died since the previous meeting of the Council.

The Chairman paid tribute to Mark's work in the parish and suggested that councillors may wish to contribute towards a donation at the end of the meeting.

Mrs N Goodier thanked all members of the Council who had sent messages of sympathy to her and her family.

The Council indicated that it would be necessary to advertise the vacancy for a Parish Councillor, notwithstanding that the normal elections would be held next year and he would liaise with the District Council over possible dates for District and Parish elections if they were requested by the electorate.

MINUTES

26/95 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the correction of three spelling mistakes, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th June, 1995, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Crossroads AGM No-one had been able to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

Community Liaison Sub-Committee A meeting was to be held tomorrow night, Tuesday, to discuss the Parish Council Charter and Concurrent Expenditure. Each Parish Council had been invited to send three representatives. Mesdames L Kershaw, H Sephton and D Trippier agreed to attend the meeting.

2. Lancashire Police Authority A copy of the Annual Policing Plan for 1995/96 had been received.

3. Council for Voluntary Service A meeting had been held about a possible Car Sharing Scheme. Four drivers had come forward and the scheme may start in October, 1995.

4. Association for the Conservation of Energy The latest newsletter had been received.

5. The Pond Project The Chairman and Mr R Iddon undertook to read the information received on this project.

6. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils

a. Local Government Review The latest part of the review, covering Blackburn and Blackpool had now started and the first stage submissions had to be with the Commissioners by the 10th August, 1995.

b. Training Courses Details of two courses had been received, one for Planning on the 16th September and one for New Councillors on the 28th October. The Chairman wished to attend the first course and Councillors should indicate by the next meeting if they wished to attend the second course.

c. Charities Information and Advice Service Details of the Service had been received.

d. Allotment Survey The Clerk undertook to complete the survey and to ask the District Council if it still owned allotments in Chapel Road.

e. National Association of Parish & Town Councils The Annual Report and latest edition of the Handbook had been received.

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

7. Community Care Charter and Plan Mrs L Kershaw had received some correspondence and undertook to consider it and reply as necessary.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

27/95 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	Lancs. Playing Fields Assoc. - Annual Subscription	£ 10.00
b.	Zurich Municipal - Play Equipment Insurance	£ 186.96
c.	Mr N Marsden - Seat repairs (The Clerk to check the previous invoice for seat repairs)	£ 147.43
d.	Village Hall Committee - Rental and donation	£ 255.00

2. Receipts The following had been received:-

a.	Lancs. County Council - Bus shelter grant	£ 300.00
b.	HM Customs & Excise - VAT refund	£ 2658.42
c.	NIG Skandia - Insurance claim, bus shelter	£ 1277.50

28/95 RESOLVED:- That £2,500 out of the VAT refund be transferred to the Sports Facilities Account.

3. Annual Audit of Accounts The audit had been completed but the books would only be on deposit, by arrangement with the Chairman, from the 2nd to the 22nd August, 1995.

POLICE MATTERS (PC M Thackery attended for this item)

PC Thackery said that he had spoken to the owner of the wagon which had been speeding and latest indications were that the speed had reduced. He had received some complaints about a green van parking in Moss Lane, again, after speaking to the owner, he hoped it had been resolved.

PC Thackery had referred the idea of a crossing to the Traffic Department but indicated that the construction of a crossing would create no-parking areas on either side. Investigations were also going on about the creation of a centre island as at Rufford.

When asked about Mill Lane, he was not sure about the latest position but he knew that the Midland Bank had been involved in various discussions with one of the residents.

PC Thackery was advised that there was now 4 bullet holes in windows at the Village Hall and he undertook to keep an eye on the situation. He also undertook to look out for speeding motor cycles especially at weekends.

The Chairman thanked PC Thackery for attending the meeting.

#### PLANNING MATTERS

##### 1. Weekly Lists

29/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/95/0495 Reserved matters - Sports facilities etc. - Land at 140 Station Road (This had been amended on the 10th July 1995)
- b. No 08/95/0491 Extension to glasshouses, erection of new glasshouse block, new barn and new storage/office/canteen building. Provision of new access and hardstanding to farm and new access to bungalow and erection of conservatory at side of dwelling - Anchorage Farm, Guide Road
- c. No 08/95/0550 Single storey rear extension - 16 Delta Park Drive

##### 2. Development & Planning Committee - 27th July, 1995

###### a. Planning Applications

30/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/95/0287 Conversion of barn to single dwelling - Dunkirk Farm, Shore Road ( Recommendation - Granted ).

###### b. Planning Appeal The following appeal had been dismissed:-

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

###### c. Approvals since last meeting The following were noted:-

a. No 08/95/0261 Detached dwelling & garage - Land adj. | the Green (Approved)

b. No 08/95/0288 Single storey/first floor extension at rear - 50A Newarth Lane (Withdrawn)

c. No 08/95/0390 Renewal of permission (08/93/1002) for the retention of caravan for use as rest room in connection with market garden business 140 Moss Lane (Approved)

d. No 08/95/0398 Part 1st floor, part 2 storey extension at side 122 Chapel Road (Approved)

3. Other matters The following documents were noted:-
- a. Regional Planning Guidance for the North West - A summary
  - b. Listed Buildings in West Lancashire (There were 5 in the Parish)
  - c. A Tourism Strategy for Lancashire

#### HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Various matters in the Parish

a. Hedges

1. Station Road The County Council were to inspect the hedge at the 'Hourwatch' site and take appropriate action.

2. Moss Lane/Boundary Lane The Clerk was to write to the owner of the hedge at the junction of these roads about the overhanging haedge.

b. Verges The County Council had indicated that the verges were cut 3 times a year and they were unable to cut them more frequently. The Parish Council could cut the verges at its own expense.

2. The Brow Wall The wall was in private ownership. The County Council had inspected the wall and whilst there had been some movement there was no danger. It was a gradual deterioration not a sudden recent decline. The wall owner would be advised of local concerns.

3. Bus shelters Mrs H Sephton had conducted a survey in Chapel Road, by Cropper Gardens, and the positioning of a shelter there would cause great distress to the residents.

31/95 RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor be asked if it will be possible to site the shelter on Chapel Road adjacent to Nook Farm.

Mrs D Trippier and Mrs H Sephton had undertaken a survey of the Street Seats and Bus Shelters and a copy was handed to Councillors. It was agreed to consider the various recommendations at the next meeting of the Council.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

A. Play Equipment There were no items under this heading. The Clerk was working on the invitation of tenders for the safety surfacing work to be undertaken with the Grant from the District Council.

B. Football Pitch The Chairman had received a letter from the Headteacher at the School complaining about bald areas on the football pitch. Whilst the school did not use the pitch for matches, the children used the recreation ground as a play area and she was concerned that the area would become muddy during wet weather periods in the winter.

It was reported that the school paid for the pitch to be mown and expected the Parish Council to maintain the area to a reasonable standard.

The Football Club had previously carried out maintenance of the pitch in return for a low rental. In addition, the Council used to provide the grass seed with the Club undertaking the work.

It was felt that it would not be possible to re-seed the ground at this time of the year.

32/95 RESOLVED:- That the Football Club be requested to re-turf the bare patches on the football pitch, to the satisfaction of the Headteacher of the School and that the pitch must not be used again until such time as the turf has taken.

C. Water Supply The Clerk reported that NW Water had now investigated the situation at the changing hut with regard to the water supply and had concluded that wrong readings had been taken. After looking at the payments over the past 18 months or so, it appeared that the Council owed an amount of £4.83 which would appear on the next account.

2. Station Road Play Area More graffiti had been painted on the play equipment and had been cleaned off by Mr Foster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS  
WEST LANACSHIRE AREA COMMITTEE

Mrs L Kershaw gave a report on the recent meeting:-

The positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman had both been contested but there was still no-one willing to take on the office of Secretary.

Regional Railways North West had indicated that the cost of opening the Burscough Curves was likely to exceed revenue and they were unlikely to support the proposition unless a heavy subsidy was forthcoming.

The Police and Community Forum would continue as before with additional resources being provided in the Chief Executive's Department to assist with servicing the meetings.

The District Council would like to know in which quarter this year's grants would be requested and there was currently no news regarding concurrent expenditure for next year.

The first meeting of a new Rights of Way Forum would be held on the 7th November 1995 at 7.30pm. It was suggested that councillors should ensure that all rights of way are walked at frequent intervals.

The Victim Support Scheme Co-ordinator had resigned and a new person had been appointed.

LOW COST HOUSING

Mrs L Kershaw had received correspondence on this subject which when followed up had indicated that Miss K Scivyer had left Rural Housing Trusting and the work was now being co-ordinated from London. It appeared that there was some confusion between the scheme in this Parish and the proposals for Fermor Road but Mrs Kershaw had now set the record straight and had forwarded a plan showing the areas in this parish originally suggested as possible sites for the development.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

33/95 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.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Entrance to site The Clerk had spoken to the Planning Department about the original conditions relating to sight lines etc., and had been advised that consideration would be given to including the same conditions in any new approval granted.

2. Northern Boundary Mr K Wareing reported on meetings between himself and Mr R Iddon with Mr Wignall, himself and the Chairman with the Council's Solicitor and between himself and the Architect for the current application.

Mr Wareing had also obtained a plan, circa 1937, from the Secretary to the former Sports Company.

It was suggested that measurements should be taken of the field to co-incide with the dimensions on the plan.

34/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That Messrs Wareing and Iddon be authorised to visit Mr Wignall regarding the boundary hedge with a view to reaching agreement as to the boundary of the Council's land, and

2. That the District Council be asked about the latest position with regard to the enforcement action against Mr Wignall.

3. Sign for Bowling Club Mr R Iddon indicated that the urgency for the sign had now passed and it would be pursued through the normal channels.

4. Leases for Sports Clubs Mrs L Kershaw reported on her meeting with the Council's Solicitor regarding the proposed leases and a request from the Council for the payemnt of rentals for the year 1994/95.

35/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Sports Ground Committee be requested to meet to discuss the draft leases and report back to an early meeting of the Council with proposals,

2. That the Sports Clubs be advised that the Council should be in a position to submit a draft lease for comment within the next 2/3 months, but that, in the case of the Football Club, the Council will be looking for an indication that the Club has complied with the conditions previously outlined and

3. That the Sports Clubs be requested to pay the following rentals for the year 1994/95, without prejudice to the issue of a formal lease:-

Bowling Club - £ 383.00  
Cricket Club - £ 191.00  
Football Club - £ 165.00

*Stephen Twipin*  
*14th Sept 1995*

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 4th SEPTEMBER 1995

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)  
Mesdames L Kershaw; H Sephton; D Trippier and J Witter  
Messrs P Bannister; L Greenwood; R Iddon and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mrs N Goodier.

Three members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES

36/95 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th July, 1995 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. District Council Community Liaison Sub-Committee The Parish Council's 3 representatives had attended the meeting which had not lasted very long and it was felt it had been a waste of time. The one item to come out of the meeting, not from the Chair, was that money was available in the budget for street lights in rural areas.

2. Training Courses A Course on Planning was to be held on the 16th Septemebr, 1995 and a Course for New Councillors would be held on the 28th October, 1995.

37/95 RESOLVED:- That Mr S Trippier and Mr K Wareing be authorised to attend the Course on Planning to be held on the 16th September, 1995 and that the Course fee of £50 be paid to the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Countryside Ranger Service - Conservation Roadshow This had now been completed and thanks were conveyed to all who had helped to make it a success.

b. Transportation and Amenities Committee There were no items affecting this Parish.

c. Casual Vacancy It was reported that an election had not been called and the Parish Council could co-opt a new member.

38/95 RESOLVED:- That Mr Carl Pickering, who was second in the last election, be co-opted to the Parish Council for a period to May, 1996.

Mr R Iddon asked why the District Council had requested details of election expenses. The Clerk indicated that this was to verify that the expenditure was within the limits allowable.



2. County Council

Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Details of Technical Reports, which were available for inspection, had been received.

3. Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils

Annual General Meeting This would be held on Saturday, the 18th November, 1995 at County Hall, Preston at 10.30am. The Parish Council were entitled to send 2 Voting representatives and other Non-Voting representatives. It was agreed to nominate representatives at the next meeting of the Council.

3. Other correspondence Dr R K Gulati had written to say how much the late Mark Goodier would be missed in the Parish.

4. CCL News The latest edition had been received.

FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

39/95 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

Mr D Ward - Cleaning bus shelters	£ 126.00
N W Water - Water Charges	£ 73.38
Acland Bracewell & Co. - Surveying Fee	£ 117.50
Mr A Coxhead - Hedgecutting	£ 15.00
Mrs L Kershaw - Contribution to Audit Fee	£ 2.10

The Parish Council considered the recent account from N W Water which again was in excess of the average charges for the past two years. It was indicated that any leak would be very noticeable due to the extremely dry weather.

40/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Chairman be authorised to investigate the water meter over the next few days,

2. That the Clerk forwards a copy of the account to the Football Club with a request for payment for the water used, and

3. That N W Water be requested to change the Account Holder's name to the Football Club as the Parish Council has no means of access to the premises to check whether or not taps have been turned off or not.

2. Annual Audit of Accounts No residents had asked to see the accounts whilst on deposit at the Chairman's house.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists

a. Application No 08/95/0645 Two storey side extension and rear porch - 74 Moss Lane

41/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

b. Application No 08/95/0706 Two storey extension to home for elderly, including flat at first floor - 224 Moss lane

42/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

c. Application No 08/95/0677 O/L Demolition of existing redundant farm buildings and erection of No 2 - 4 bedroom detached dwellings with detached garages - The Brow, Station Road

43/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That no objection be made to this application, and,

2. That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council consider that the Conservation Area Advisory Panel should be consulted on the design and architecture utilised to ensure that it fits in with the existing development in this area of the Parish.

d. Application No 08/95/0726 Two storey rear extension - 82 Chapel Road

44/95 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Development and Planning Committee

1. Applications for consideration

No 08/95/0491 Extension to glasshouses, erection of new glasshouses block, new barn and new storage/office/canteen building, provision of new access and hardstanding to farm and new access to bungalow and erection of conservatory at side of dwelling and alterations to curtilage of dwelling - Anchorage Farm, Guide Road (Recommendation - Granted)

45/95 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on this application.

2. Applications approved since last meeting

a. No 08/95/0309 Conversion of vacant coach house to a granny flat and covered link - 163 Station Road

b. No 08/95/0473 Erection of barn and construction of access road - Land at Shore Road/Dib Road

c. No 08/95/0550 Single storey rear extension - 16 Delta Park Drive

#### HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Hedges

a. Moss Lane/Boundary Lane This hedge had now been cut.

b. 'Hourwatch' site This was still with the County Council.

2. The Brow Wall The District Council had indicated that the wall was not of sufficient interest to warrant designation. The County Council has written to the owner of the wall to draw his attention to the concerns recently expressed.

3. Footway Lighting The District Council were requesting bids for the provision of footway lights in rural areas.

46/95 RESOLVED:- That a bid be made for lights to be provided at the following locations:-

Moss Lane - Near to Moss Chapel

Shore Road - Extension of existing lighting towards Hesketh Bank

4. Bus Shelters

a. New Shelter - Chapel Road There was no response to date from the County Surveyor.

b. Repairs and Maintenance Consideration was given to the survey carried out recently by Mesdames H Sephton and D Trippier.

47/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That the District Council be requested to replace the litter bins at Shore Road/Hundred End Lane and Shore Road, by the Poor Marsh,

2. That Mr A Sephton be authorised to undertake minor repairs to the shelter at Shore Road/Hundred End Lane,

3. That the Chairman be authorised to try to salvage some beading from the shelter demolished last year to repair the shelter at Station Road/All Saints Church, and

4. That quotations be received from 3 tradesmen for the painting of the shelters at Shore Road/Chapel Road (Southport bound) and Shore Road/Chapel Road (Preston bound) and applying wood preservative to the shelter at Chapel Road/Pardoe Close (Southport bound).

5. Street Seats Consideration was given to the survey carried out recently by Mesdames Sephton and Trippier.

48/95 RESOLVED:- That Mrs L Kershaw be authorised to arrange for an estimate to be obtained for repairs to street seats as indicated on the survey.

5. Grass Verges in Hesketh Bank The County Divisional Surveyor had visited the area and had been unable to identify any stones on Shore Road which would cause a nuisance to traffic. However, there was a location on Guide Road and he asked whether or not the Parish Council wished to approach the owner of the adjacent property or whether he should contact the person concerned. He also asked whether the Council had any idea why the stones had been placed in that position. It was indicated that liability rested with the person who placed the stones on the highway but the Highway Authority could be implicated if they failed to respond to the situation.

It was felt that the stones had been placed to deter vehicles parking at that point, especially at weekends, and perhaps a 'No Parking' sign was the answer. It was agreed to request the County Divisional Surveyor to raise this issue with the owner of the premises.

6. Speeding and other Traffic Problems in the Parish The Council's attention was drawn to the problems on Shore Road with speeding vehicles taking chances in overtaking slow moving vehicles. There were many farms on the road and slow moving farm vehicles were a daily feature of the road. It was suggested that consideration be given to reducing the speed limit on Shore Road to 50 m.p.h.

Concern was also expressed about speeding in the 30 m.p.h. area of Shore Road and on Station Road and Hesketh Lane. It was suggested that consideration should be given to the introduction of mini-roundabouts at Station Road/Moss Lane, Station Road/Chapel Road and Shore Road/Chapel Road as a means of slowing down the traffic at those locations. In making these suggestions the Council had in mind the current problems and the possibility of a further 110 dwellings being erected off Station Road.

49/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Divisional Police Commander be advised of the concerns of the Council regarding speeding on Shore Road and in other areas of the Parish and be asked to increase enforcement in those areas,

2. That the County Surveyor be advised of the Parish Council's concerns and requested to look at the possibility of erecting mini-roundabouts at various locations in the Parish in an attempt to slow down vehicles using the roads in the urban part of the village, and

3. That the County Surveyor be requested to arrange a meeting between Officers of his department and the Police and representatives of the Parish Council to enable the various suggestions to be discussed in detail.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Safety Surfacing Quotations had been received from I J Yates and Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.

Glenpark Drive - Climbing Frame and Swings The quotations were

Yates - £1716 + VAT Wicksteed - £1527.55 + VAT (including storage and delivery)

Shore Road - Roundabout

Yates - No work required Wicksteed - £3654.60 + VAT (Wrong substance used previously, full replacement required)

50/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That Wicksteed Leisure Ltd be asked to undertake the work at Glenpark Drive subject to storage being provided by the Parish Council, and

2. That the Chairman be authorised to seek advice off Mr P Cooley as to whether any work is required in respect of surfacing by the roundabout on Shore Road.

#### 2. Recreation Ground

a. Football Pitch The Football Club had indicated that turfing was not a feasible option but maintenance work would be carried out. The Club had spent some £3000 in five years and would continue to spend money on the pitch.

It was agreed to forward a copy of the letter to Miss Penman at the school.

Mr L Greenwood was asked to investigate the ditch on the Belsfield Drive side of the ground and the drains across the pitch.

b. Boundary with Belsfield Drive A resident of Belsfield Drive had complained about the height of the trees between his property and the Recreation Ground and requested that they be pruned to 10 feet high.

It was agreed that the Chairman would take advice from the District Council regarding the pruning of the trees concerned.

#### ALLOTMENTS

The drain from the playing field to the Poor Marsh had burst last year and had burst again and required cleaning out.

51/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That Messrs P Bannister and K Wareing be authorised to obtain prices for the necessary work and the Chairman be authorised to accept a reasonable price for the work to be undertaken as soon as possible, and

2. That the Chairman be authorised to speak to Mr M Whiteside about interference to his crop which was alongside the ditch.

#### LOW COST HOUSING

It was reported that Mrs L Kershaw had been in correspondence with the District Council which had advised that this year's allocation would go to Banks with Hesketh Bank as top priority for 1996/97.

#### FOOTPATHS, TREE WARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

1. Parish Walks Leaflets produced for Upholland Parish Council had been received and were passed to the Chairman and Mrs D Trippier.

2. Other Matters

Footpath from Cottams Farm, Shore Road to Moss Lane It was reported that the Ramblers Association had placed notices on the footpath regarding a modification to the Definitive Plan to change the use from All uses to that of footpath only. Mrs Kershaw indicated that the Parish Council would be consulted on the proposal before a decision was taken by the County Council.

#### EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

52/95 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.

#### CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

a. Northern boundary Mr K Wareing presented a Surveyor's Report which clarified the ownership of the hedge but was not clear on the ownership of the ditch, although there should be a free flow of water along the ditch.

53/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr K Wareing be authorised to visit Mr E Wignall with the report to try to agree the ownership of the hedge and obtain agreement in respect of the ditch, and

2. That the Director of Development & Amenities be requested to indicate the latest position in respect of the adjacent site.

b. Proposed Leases It was reported that a Solicitor acting for the Football Club had requested sight of the proposed lease and it was thought that a copy had been provided together with details of the conditions which must be complied with by the Football Club before the Council will sign the lease.

54/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mrs Kershaw be authorised to delay the submission of the lease to the Football Club, if not already sent, and

2. That, if the lease has been sent, copies should also be forwarded to the Bowling and Cricket Clubs.

c. Annual Rentals The Football and Cricket Clubs had paid the rentals and the Bowling Club had a Committee meeting shortly to approve the payment. It was agreed to advise the Football Club that payment had been made in arrears.

d. Rubbish on site

55/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That the rubbish on the site be cleaned up at a cost not exceeding £200, and

2. That the three Clubs be advised that this work had been undertaken and that future rubbish was their responsibility.

e. Pond Project Mr R Iddon had read the document and felt that attendance at the Seminar was not necessary.

Stephan Tappin  
2 Oct 95.

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 2nd OCTOBER, 1995

PRESENT:- Mr S Trippier (Chairman)

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

Messrs L Greenwood, R Iddon and K Wareing

Apologies were received from Mrs H Sephton and Mr C Pickering

One member of the public was present

MINUTES

56/95 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th September, 1995 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

LOW COST HOUSING (Mike Parry of the West Lancashire District Council and James Bronfield of English Churches Housing attended the meeting for this item)

The Council were reminded that an initial survey had been undertaken in 1994 which identified the need for the scheme but a second, non-site specific, survey was now required to identify the exact mix of properties to be built.

In addition, the Rural Housing Trust had originally been looking at a site in Shore Road but alternative sites were now being sought for consideration to avoid building in the Green Belt.

The Council were advised that English Churches Housing had offices in Leigh and Liverpool and were currently developing sites in Southport and Banks.

It was suggested by the Council that there was a need for houses for young couples who wished to stay in the village whilst acknowledging that some homes for the elderly may also be required.

Mike Parry felt that a survey carried out solely from Ormskirk would seem somewhat remote to residents and suggested that the Parish Council should assist to localise the survey.

James Bronfield undertook to provide a brief description as to what Shared Ownership entailed and a discussion was held on the various merits and demerits of shared ownership with some members being against the principle.

Mike Parry suggested that the survey would be conducted similar to last time with the District Council preparing, printing and distributing the questionnaires and the Parish Council assisting in the collection by arranging for collection points in the village. If the Parish Council wanted any questions included then Mike Parry should be advised as soon as possible.

With regard to land, a section 106 agreement would allow building on Green Belt land if no alternative sites were available in the Parish. Mike Parry undertook to speak to the Planning Department about the possibility of building on Green Belt land.

The Chairman undertook to act as a contact point in the Parish and undertook to speak to Mrs H Sephton to see if she would consider taking on that role.

The Chairman thanked Mike Parry and James Bronfield for attending the meeting and looked forward to progress being made as soon as possible.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Training Course The Chairman and Mr K Wareing had attended a course on planning which had dealt more with public inquiries and strategic issues. It appeared that developemnt in Lancashire was being encouraged along the transport corridors i.e. M6 and M55.

2. Casual vacancy Carl Pickering had accepted the vacancy but was away on holiday. He would attend the next meeting.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. District Council

a. Committee Agenda There were no items affecting this Parish.

b. Seminar A Seminar for Clerks and Chairmen was to be held on the 11th October, 1995 at Ormskirk. The Clerk and Chairman were both able to attend.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils

a. Area Committee This was to be held on the 13th October 1995.

b. Newsletter

i. Local Government Review The recommendation was for Blackburn and Blackpool to become Unitary Authorities. A consultation period would end on the 8th November, 1995 and the final recommendation had to be with the Secretary of State by the 2nd January, 1996.

ii. Lancashire County Fire Brigade A copy of a Report and Community Service Plan for 1995/96 had been received.

iii. AGM - 18th November, 1995

57/95 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Mrs L Kershaw be appointed as the Voting Representatives to attend the AGM.

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

4. Other matters

a. MANWEB A list of contact points had been received.

b. Mr J R Foster Mr Foster had asked about the funds spent by the Parish Council in 1994/95 and 1995/96 and also about action being taken by the Council against local vandals. Mr Foster had also asked about byelaws to prevent drinking in the streets.

The Clerk undertook to respond to Mr Foster on these issues.



FINANCE

1. Accounts for Payment

58/95 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

B W Rimmer - Clerk's salary & expenses	£ 467.78
P McConnachie Esq - Cleaning out allotment ditch	£ 50.00

2. Receipts The following amounts had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council	
- 2nd part of Precept	£ 4666.00
- Street cleaning	£ 1643.02

3. Other Matters

North West Water The Clerk reported a letter from North West Water admitting a clerical error on the last account which had been paid by the Council. The Football Club had also paid to the Council an amount of £57.55 equivalent to the amount of water used as stated on the account. The amended account would be sent to the Football Club by NWW and it was for the Club to negotiate a refund.

PLANNING MATTERS

1. Weekly Lists There were no applications within the Parish.

2. Development & Planning Committee - 5th October 1995

59/95 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/95/0491 - Development at Anchorage Farm, Guide Road (Recommendation - Granted subject to provision of 2 passing places in vicinity of 'Blair Atholl' and 'Brownrigg').

b. No 08/95/0293 - 2 storey detached dwelling - adj 1A Guide Road (Recommendation - Refused).

c. No 08/95/0495 - Development at 140 Station Road (Recommendation - Granted).

d. No 08/95/0706 - 2 storey extension to Home for the elderly including flat at first floor - 224 Moss Lane (Recommendation - Refused).

60/95 RESOLVED:- That the following Planning Applications approved by the Director of Development & Amenities since the Committee, be noted:-

a. No 08/95/0645 - 2 storey side extension and rear porch - 74 Moss Lane

b. No 08/95/0726 - 2 storey rear extension - 82 Chapel Road

3. Notice to Parish Councils on Planning Applications

61/95 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to complete the questionnaire on the lines indicated at the meeting.

4. Other matters

Application No 08/95/0677 Development at The Brow The Director of Development & Amenities had indicated that this application could not be referred to the Conservation Advisory Panel as it is not in a Conservation Area and does not affect a Listed Building. The Council's Conservation Officer will be consulted and the Department will endeavour to negotiate a scheme to fit in with the existing development and so enhance the area.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Bus Shelters

a. New Shelter - Chapel Road The views of the County Surveyor were still awaited and the Clerk undertook to send a reminder.

b. Repairs to Shelters The Clerk had this matter in hand.

c. Shelter at Station Road/Moss Lane This shelter had been damaged by a car and the Clerk had contacted the driver with a request to pass the Council's interest to the Insurance Company.

2. Litter Bins The District Council had been asked to replace the broken litter bins.

3. Street Seats

62/95 RESOLVED:- That the quotation for the repair of seats submitted By Mr R W Solley in the sum of £ 198.50, be accepted.

4. Speeding and Other Traffic problems The County Surveyor had indicated he would consult the Police and contact the Council again. The Police had indicated that a 60 mph speed limit was appropriate for the rural area of Shore Road but the speed of vehicles would be monitored. With regard to traffic calming measures, the Police felt these would have a low priority due to the low accident rate in the village.

5. Temporary Road Closure The Council noted that Station Road would be closed for 20 metres, in the vicinity of No 165, from Monday, the 23rd October, 1995 to Friday, the 27th October, 1995, to enable a sewer connection to be made.

6. Other Matters

a. Public Footpath - Shore Road to Moss Lane The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been consulted in 1990 and had made no comments and offered no evidence either for or against the proposal.

b. Moss Lane Complaints had been received from cyclists about the state of Moss Lane which had a series of potholes at the side of the road. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to the County Surveyor with a request that the road be resurfaced.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Safety Surfacing The Chairman had consulted Mr P Cooley who had indicated that none of the existing surfacing complied with the current British Standard and that no surfacing was required around the roundabout.

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63/95 RESOLVED:- That Wicksteed Leisure be requested to provide a quotation for improving the safety surfacing around the slide on the Recreation Ground at a cost not exceeding the amount remaining after the work at Glenpark Drive has been completed.

2. Recreation Ground Drainage It was accepted that the drainage was inadequate and that a grant should be applied for to provide new drainage.

3. Trees on Belsfield Drive side of Recreation Ground The Chairman had consulted the District Council who had indicated that if the Council decided to pollard the trees, the problem would return in the future. An alternative would be to replace the existing poplar trees with hawthorn.

64/95 RESOLVED:- That Mr P Crabtree be asked for an estimate of cost to pollard the poplar trees adjacent to Belsfield Drive.

4. Play Equipment Inspection The Insurance Company's Inspector had again indicated that the clearance under the flat seat swings was inadequate. The Chairman undertook to check the clearance against British Standards.

#### ALLOTMENTS

The work required to the ditch was still with Mr P Bannister. The Chairman had spoken to the holder of the allotment alongside the ditch about possible disruption to his crop and reported that the person concerned considered that the benefits would outweigh the disadvantages and, therefore, the work should be undertaken as soon as possible.

#### PARISH COUNCIL CONCURRENT AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The District Council had requested bids for capital schemes for 1996/97 by the end of October, had requested information about when the current years grant would be spent and comments about the existing scheme for concurrent expenditure.

65/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That application be made for the following 2 schemes:-

- a. New drainage for Recreation Ground, Shore Road - £6,000
- b. Extension of safety surfacing on Recreation Ground - £5,000

2. That the District Council be advised that a contract is about to be let for the grant obtained for the current financial year, and

3. That a review of the concurrent scheme is required as this Parish Council had started at a low base when the existing scheme had been introduced due to the Council, at that time, operating a particularly frugal financial policy.

#### EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

66/95 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.

#### CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. Northern Boundary Mr K Wareing had visited Mr E Wignall who had accepted that the Parish Council owned the hedge and should have access to the ditch.

67/95 RESOLVED:- That Mr K Wareing be authorised to advise Mr Wignall that the Council intends to amend the Deeds accordingly and that Mr Wareing be also authorised to instruct the Council's Solicitor to make the necessary amendment.

2. Adjacent Site The Council noted the latest position with regard to action being taken by the District Council.

3. Leases

68/95 RESOLVED:- That Mr K Wareing be authorised to instruct the Council's Solicitor to forward a copy of the draft lease to the Bowling and Cricket Clubs.

4. Rentals The Bowling Club had now paid the rental due for 1994/95 and had requested a reduction in respect of the work they carried out on the roadway to the site. The Club indicated that a reduction of £100 per annum had been granted by the former owners of the site. The Club had acquired some material for filling in the potholes on the roadway.

69/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Bowling Club be thanked for their previous work to the roadway and asked to spread the material now acquired on the roadway, and

2. That the Bowling Club be advised that a reduction in rental will not be granted as the Parish Council wishes to operate a fairer system next year.

STANDING ORDERS

70/95 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 (CONT)

5. Rubbish Mr K Wareing reported that he had currently spent £70 in tidying up the site but required a decision on the old toilets.

Mr Wareing was authorised to approach the Clubs concerned and take action as requested by them.

On completion of the work, the Clerk would write to the 3 Clubs to advise them of the position and particularly request the Clubs not to leave bin bags around the site.

6. Meeting with Football Club The Sports Ground Committee reported on a recent meeting with the Football Club. The Club had undertaken to apply for necessary planning permissions if they were required to do so. The Club had also requested consideration be given to enclosing the football pitch, utilising materials approved by the Council. In making this request, the Club pointed out that the bowling green and cricket pitch were both enclosed.

It was noted that the trees around the new notice board had been cut back to make the board visible.

The Chairman indicated that the Sports Ground Committee may wish to consider the overall use of the ground and this could affect the current plans of the Football Club.

71/95 RESOLVED:- 1. That, at the present time, permission be not granted for the enclosure of the football pitch, and

2. That the Sports Ground Committee be requested to consider a plan for the future use of the whole of the ground for consideration at a future meeting of the Council.

*John Thompson*  
30-10-95.

**HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 30th OCTOBER 1995**

**PRESENT:** Mr. S. Trippier (Chairman). Mesdames L. Kershaw, H. Sephton, D. Trippier and J. Witter Messrs. P. Bannister, L. Greenwood, R. Iddon, C. Pickering and K. Wareing. Five members of the public.

**ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE** - The Chairman welcomed Mr. Carl Pickering to the Council and Mr. Pickering signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

In the absence of the Clerk through illness, Mrs. L. Kershaw took the minutes.

**APOLOGIES** were received from Mrs. N. Goodier.

**MINUTES**

72/95 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 1995 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

1. **Trees at Bellsfield Drive.** A letter had been received from the District Council's arboriculturist indicating that the best solution would be to remove the poplar trees and replace them by hawthorns (Crataegus Monogyna) in order to maintain the long term screening along the boundary of the Recreation Ground. As estimated by Mr. Twist the cost of felling the poplars and treating the stumps would be £80. Mrs. Sephton volunteered to ascertain the cost of hawthorns.

73/95 **RESOLVED** that the poplar trees be felled and that the resident at Bellsfield Drive be asked if he would contribute half of the cost.

2. **Local Government Review**

74/95 **RESOLVED** that the Lancashire County Council be informed that this Parish Council is unanimously in favour of the retention of the status quo ante of Blackburn and Blackpool.

3. **Bus shelter, Station Road** - The Clerk had received a form from the Eagle Star Insurance Company and would ascertain the cost of repairs and return the form to the Company.

4. **Seats** - Mrs. Kershaw reported that the renovation of the benches had been completed by Mr. R. Solley; she had asked the Chairman to sanction the expenditure of a further £27. as it had been found that two more new bars were necessary.

5. **Public footpath - Shore Road to Moss Lane.** A letter had been received from Lancashire County Council asking whether the Parish Council now had comments to make on the proposal to make this track into a public footpath. Three letters of objection were to hand and the Council

75/95 **RESOLVED** that copies of these letters be sent to the County Council and that the County Council be informed that this Parish Council was not in favour of the proposal.

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