

# HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 21st April, 1997 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames H O Sephton; P M Stables; D M Trippier and J Witter

Messrs R C Ball; B Birkby; P J A Sergeant; S Trippier and K Wareing

Two members of the public were present.

## APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr J Hunter

## MINUTES

Councillor R Ball did not agree with the wording of the Minute on page 5 relating to Enforcement Action in respect of the land adjacent to the Centenary Sports Ground but was unable to find a supporter for a proposition to amend the Minutes.

280/96 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th March, 1997, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items raised under this heading.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### 1. District Council

a. Community Liaison Sub-Committee - 16th April, 1997 The Chairman gave a brief report on the meeting which led to a discussion about the conduct of District Councillors at site meetings in the Parish.

b. Other matters The following were noted:-

- i. Members' Briefing Bulletin
- ii. Home Front News (District Council Housing Newsletter) - April 1997

2. Rural Development Commission - Survey of Rural Services The Chairman and Vice-Chairman undertook to complete the survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

3. Other Correspondence The following were noted:-

- a. LAP&TC - Spring Newsletter
- b. British Horse Society - Bridleway Strategy for Lancashire
- c. Crossroads (West Lancashire) AGM - Monday, 7th July 1997
- d. Association for Conservation of Energy - Newsletter
- e. District Council Design Awards - Closing date for entries extended to 9th May,

1997

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- f. District Council Sports and Recreation Strategy for West Lancashire 1997-2001
- g. Developing Health & Social Care in Rural England - Department of Health document
- h. Good Neighbour Scheme AGM - Thursday, 24th April, 1997 in Village Hall, Hesketh Bank

Councillor R Ball suggested that a further letter had been received by the Clerk which should be reported under this item on the agenda. The Clerk reported that the letter referred to was in respect of a specific item to be taken later in the agenda and would be reported at that time. Councillor Ball did not agree and made a number of disparaging remarks about the Chairman and other members of the Council.

It was subsequently PROPOSED, SECONDED, and by 7 Votes for, 1 vote against and 2 abstentions, it was:-

281/96 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk proceed to the next item of business.

Councillor Ball continued his tirade against the Chairman and other members of the Council and suggested that remarks made by the Chairman in respect of a conversation with a District Council Officer were not correct. The Clerk reported that he had the same conversation with the Officer concerned and, therefore, Councillor Ball's remarks applied equally to him.

The Clerk left the meeting which was subsequently adjourned.

*Norma Goodie*  
*8/5/97*

## HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

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PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames H O Sephton; P M Stables; D M Trippier and J Witter

Messrs B Birkby; J Hunter; P J A Sergeant; S Trippier and K Wareing

Mr L Watson, County Advisor, LAP&TC

Two members of the public were also present.

### MINUTES

282/96 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st April, 1997, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters raised under this heading.

### MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

#### 1. District Council

Special Expenses A paper setting out the main issues regarding Special Expenses had been received and it was agreed to discuss the matter more fully at a future meeting.

2. a Council for Protection of Rural England A Bowling Competition was to be arranged in 1998 and the Council were asking which parishes were interested in the competition and seeking Greens for the preliminary rounds.

283/96 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk approach the two Bowling Clubs in the Parish regarding the competition.

b Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils - Training Day The next training day was on the 31st May, 1997 and Mr S Trippier undertook to advise the Clerk if he was able to attend.

#### 3. Other Correspondence The following were noted:-

- a The latest editions of the CCL News and the Local Council Review
- b Hesketh Bank Good Neighbour Scheme - Annual Report (Copies were circulated to Councillors)
- c Local Policing Arrangements - Contact names and telephone numbers had been received from Inspector Janet Edmondson at Burscough (Copies were circulated to Councillors)
- d NALC Year Book
- e LAP&TC - Recommendations for Clerk's salaries would not be known until June

(Mrs H Sephton arrived during consideration of the above items)

## FINANCE

### 1. Accounts for payment

284/96 RESOLVED:- (1) That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. Rawsthorn, Edelstons - Solicitors costs June 1994 to March 1997 |            |
| - Sports Ground Leases   | £ 1,019.90 |
| Ownership of ditch   | £ 210.32   |
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| TOTAL  | £ 1,230.22 |
| b. Hesketh Bank AFC - Standing water charges                       | £ 9.25     |
| c. Cornhiull Insurance - Annual insurance premium                  | £ 254.49   |

and (2) That the Clerk be requested to ask the Solicitor about reclaiming the cost of the leases from the 3 Sports Clubs.

### 2. Other Matters The following were noted:-

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| a. Receipts - West Lancashire District Council - Precept - 1st payment -   | £ 7,500.00 |
| Streetcleaning   | £ 1,072.28 |
| Concurrent Expenditure   | £ 1,979.68 |
| b. Acknowledgements for donations - West Lancs VSS                         |            |
| Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme   |            |
| c. New Bank Accounts - Now opened, cheque book and paying-in book received |            |

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Items raised were the recent Community Liaison Sub-Committee meeting at Ormskirk and the Parish Newsletter.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### 1. Weekly Lists

285/96 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- No 08/97/0270 Listed building consent - Remove stone slates from rear and reposition on front elevation - Ferry House, Becconsall Lane (Delegated to Director of Development & Amenities) (MR K WAREING DECLARED AN INTEREST)
- No 08/97/0302 First floor extension - 44 Station Road (Delegated to Director of Development & Amenities)
- No 08/97/0038 Outline - One detached dormer bungalow (including details of siting and means of access) - 8 Granville avenue (To go to Committee)
- No 08/97/0234 Change of use of building to car valeting workshop - Land at rear of 31 Boundary Lane (To go to Committee)
- No 08/97/0352 Conservatory at side/rear - Becconsall Hall, Becconsall Lane (Delegated to Director of Development & Amenities)
- No 08/97/0352 Listed building consent - Conservatory at side/rear - Becconsall Hall, Becconsall Lane (Delegated to Director of Development & Amenities)
- No 08/97/0356 Agricultural storage building - Avondale, Hundred End Lane (Delegated to Director of Development & Amenities)
- No 08/97/0358 Reserved matters - Detached house & garage - Land at 86, Chapel Road (Delegated to Director of Development & Amenities)

i. No 08/97/0375 Substitution of house types - Plots 14-17, 20-21, 26-29, 31, 34-37, 39, 46-57A, 64-72, 74 & 76 - Land at Station Road (To go to Committee) It was indicated that 5 less houses would be built on the site.

2. 'Solfresh', Moss Lane (MRS J WITTER, MRS H SEPHTON and MR K WAREING ALL DECLARED AN INTEREST)

The Clerk reported on complaints received from a resident who lived across the road from this business.

286/97 RESOLVED:- That the comments be noted and the matter be referred to the District Council Planning and Environmental Health Departments who are responsible for the issues raised.

3. West Lancashire Local Plan

a. Changes The Council noted that the District Council had agreed that no further action was required following the deletion of the Conservation Area Policies at the request of the Department of the Environment.

287/96 RESOLVED:- That the Director of Development & Amenities be requested to indicate how Conservation Areas could be designated outside the Local Plan and by whom.

b. Public Local Inquiry This would start on the 17th June, 1997 and Mr S Trippier was interested in giving evidence in respect of the deletion of the Conservation Area policies.

4. Other matters The following were noted:-

a. Applications determined since last meeting:-

1. No 08/97/0165 Ground and first floor extensions to front/side/rear elevations - 7 Charles Close - GRANTED

2. No 08/97/0102 Display of non-illuminated free standing advert sign - Land at 140 Station Road - REFUSED

3. No 08/96/1206 Use of existing garage as a dog grooming business - 'Sunnybank', Guide Road - GRANTED

4. No 08/97/0182 Single story extension at side - 'Wedgewood', Shore Road - GRANTED

5. No 08/97/0270 Listed building consent - Relocation of stone slates from rear to front slope and blue slates from front to rear slope on main roof of dwelling - Ferry House, Beconsall Lane - GRANTED (MR K WAREING DECLARED AN INTEREST)

6. No 08/97/0211 Attached garage /store and conservatory at rear - 128 Moss Lane - GRANTED

b. Development & Planning Committee - 27th March, 1997 - Application determined No 08/97/0216 Erection of block of greenhouses - Land at 82 Moss Lane - GRANTED

c. Alleged breach of planning control - Belvedere Nurseries, Chapel Road - Planning permission not required provided vehicles are used solely in connection with the nursery business.

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

1. Meeting with staff of County Surveyor's Department - 17th May, 1997 The Chairman undertook to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

2. Marsh Road It was reported that the plaque in respect of the seat presented by the Water Board had been re-located behind the wire mesh.

288/96 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to provide a litter bin in Marsh Road by the Pumping Station.

3. Other matters The following were noted:-

- a. Signs on lamp-posts - No permission had been given by the County Surveyor and the developer had agreed to remove them
- b. Shore Road ditch - To be inspected and appropriate action taken

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

1. Recreation Ground

a. Cutting of hedges

289/96 RESOLVED:- 1. That the hedges be not cut back until the autumn, and

2. That the Clerk advises Mr Campbell of School Fold, by letter and the Chairman visits Messrs Banks and Veevers of Belsfield Drive to explain the Council's intentions.

b. Cleaning up under hedges Two estimates had been received as follows:-

1. Andrew Forrest (via the Clerk) - £375.00
2. D Halstead (via Mr K Wareing) - £100.00

290/96 RESOLVED:- That Mr K Wareing be authorised to accept the estimate of D Halstead in the sum of £100.00.

c. Flooding near the swings The Chairman reported on a conversation with Mr D Dalton.

291/96 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to arrange a site meeting with Mr D Dalton, Mr P Sergeant and Mr S Trippier to discuss what further work is necessary to alleviate the current problems.

d. Other matters The following were noted:-

1. Football pitch - Mole draining had finished and the pitch would be levelled and seeded this week
2. Equipment - Mr B Birkby was still carrying out weekly inspections

2. Station Road Play Area The NALC had advised that for land to be acquired by prescription, the land must be enclosed (e.g. fenced) and trespass or encroachment not permitted. The time to elapse was 12 years which meant the current play area would not come into the ownership of the Parish Council until 14th January, 1999.

292/96 RESOLVED:- That the owner of the property in Cherry Vale be requested to remove the rubbish from the Council's side of the boundary.

## NEW NOTICE BOARD

The Clerk undertook to chase up the contractor supplying the new board.

## ALLOTMENTS

1. Ditch The ditch between the Council's allotments and land owned by Mr P Bannister required digging out at the bottom.

293/96 RESOLVED:- 1. That Messrs K Wareing and S Trippier be requested to decide how best the work should be carried out and by whom, and

2. That the Chairman be authorised to agree the placing of an order for the necessary work up to a cost of ~~£150.00~~  
100.00

2. Rentals Mr S Trippier reported that Mr D Dunkley had paid him the annual rental of £12.00.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS - AREA COMMITTEE MEETING - 11TH APRIL, 1997

The Chairman, Mrs H Sephton and Mr K Wareing gave a brief report on the meeting which included a talk by Superintendent A Lincoln, the new Divisional Police Commander and information on the Village Design Concept being promoted by the Countryside Commission.

(Mrs D Trippier arrived during consideration of the above item)

## TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS

294/96 RESOLVED:- (1) That meetings of the Council be held on Monday evenings in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank on the following dates at the times indicated:-

1997 19th May (7.00pm); 16th June (7.30pm); 21st July (7.30pm); 1st September (7.30pm); 29th September (7.30pm); 27th October (7.30pm); 24th November (7.30pm)

1998 5th January (7.30pm); 2nd February (7.30pm); 2nd March (7.30pm); 30th March (7.30pm); 27th April (7.30pm) and

(2) That the action of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in fixing the date and time of the Annual Assembly for 8.00pm on Monday 19th May, 1997, be confirmed.

## EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

295/96 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

## CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (Exempt information Paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of LGA 1972) (MR P SERGEANT DECLARED AN INTEREST)

1. Northern Boundary The Clerk reported on a letter from the Council's Solicitor and Mr K Wareing agreed to contact Mr G Buffey regarding his investigations.

Mr K Wareing reported on the cost of fencing the northern boundary which was between £600 and £800.

The Chairman and Clerk reported on a recent conversation with Mr E Wignall.

It was PROPOSED and SECONDED and by 6 votes to 2 votes with 2 abstentions

296/96 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to visit Mr Wignall and request him to sign a letter to confirm the verbal offer made in the conversation with the Chairman and Clerk, and

2. That the letter, if signed, be passed to the Council's Solicitor or, if not signed, the matter be re-considered at the next meeting of the Council.

2. Leases for Sports Clubs Draft Leases had been issued to the three Sports Clubs. The Bowling Club had paid the rental for 1996/97 of £396.00 and asked a number of questions in relation to the draft lease.

297/96 RESOLVED:- That the response by the Bowling Club be referred to the Centenary Sports Ground Committee along with any responses from the other two Sports Clubs.

3. Enforcement Action - 140 Station Road The Chairman and Clerk reported on a site visit with two Officers of the Planning Department and confirmed that the caravan, the subject of the Enforcement Notice, had been removed, and there was no sign of Mr & Mrs Wignall living on the site. A letter from the District Council to Mr & Mrs Wignall and correspondence between Mr R Ball and the former Chief Executive of the District Council were noted.

298/96 RESOLVED:- That the Council note and accept the report of the Chairman and Clerk in respect of the current position at 140 Station Road and that Mr & Mrs Wignall be advised of the Council's decision.

#### COUNTY ADVISOR

299/96 RESOLVED:- That a Vote of Thanks be extended to Mr L Watson for taking the time to attend this meeting of the Council.

*Nanna Goodie*  
*19/5/97*



## HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 19th May, 1997 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames H O Sephton; P M Stables; D M Trippier and J Witter

Messrs B Birkby; J Hunter; P J A Sergeant and K Wareing

One member of the public was present.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr S Trippier

### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

1/97 RESOLVED:- That Mrs N M Goodier be appointed Chairman of the Council for the year 1997/98

### DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Mrs N M Goodier made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman.

### APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

2/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr K S Wareing be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 1997/98.

### MINUTES

3/97 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th May, 1997, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 5 Minute No 293/96 - '£150' to read '£100'.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Meeting with County Surveyor's Department The Chairman had been unable to attend.
2. Recreation Ground - Visit to residents on Belsfield Drive The Chairman hoped to undertake the visit this week.
3. Recreation Ground - Flooding near the swings The Chairman had left a message for Mr Dalton and was awaiting his response.
4. Allotments - Ditches Mr K Wareing reported that in addition to work to the ditch, the drains need attention. It would be necessary to hire a machine and driver for about 2 days and the hire Company would require cash in advance unless the order was placed by an account holder. Mr Wareing was also concerned about the effect of the new development on 'Poppyfields' on the ditches especially on 'Finneys Gutter'.

4/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr K Wareing be authorised to place an order for the hire of the necessary equipment to undertake the work to the ditch and drains using his current account with the Hire Company,

2. That Mr K Wareing be authorised to arrange for the work to be undertaken as soon as possible, and

3. That the Clerk approach the Environment Agency to voice the Council's concerns about the effect of the 'Poppyfields' development on the ditches especially Finneys Gutter.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

5/97 RESOLVED:- That the following Committees be constituted for the year 1997/98 with the members listed:-

A. RECREATION COMMITTEE (5) - The Chairman; Mr B Birkby; Mrs H Sephton; Mrs P Stables; Mrs J Witter

B. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE(5) - The Chairman; Mr R Ball; Mrs H Sephton; Mr P Sergeant; Mrs J Witter

C. FOOTPATHS, TREE WARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (6) - The Chairman; Mr R Ball; Mrs H Sephton; Mrs P Stables; Mrs D Trippier; Mr S Trippier

D. CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE (5) - The Chairman; The Vice-Chairman; Mr B Birkby; Mr S Trippier; Mrs J Witter

#### APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

6/97 RESOLVED:- That the following appointments be made to the Outside Bodies indicated for the year 1997/98:-

A. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS - WEST LANCASHIRE AREA COMMITTEE (3) - The Chairman; The Vice-Chairman; Mrs H Sephton

B. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE (1) - Mr S Trippier

C. LANCASHIRE PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION (1) - Mr P Sergeant

D. COUNCIL FOR PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND (1) - Mr S Trippier

#### MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

##### A. Items for Decision

##### 1. District Council

a. Community Liaison Sub-Committee The Council had been asked to consider three issues discussed at the previous meeting of the Sub-Committee and forward comments to the District Council by the end of August.

7/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to circulate copies of the relevant documents to all members and include an item on the agenda for a future meeting of the Council.

b. Environmental Exhibition An exhibition was available on free loan.

8/97 RESOLVED:- That Mrs H Sephton and Mrs P Stables be authorised to make arrangements for the exhibition to be brought to Hesketh Bank on a date convenient to them.

2. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils

9/97 RESOLVED:- That Mesdames H Sephton, P Stables and J Witter be authorised to attend the Open Morning at Lancashire Constabulary Training School on Saturday, 7th June, 1997.

3. West Lancashire Victim Support Scheme - Annual General Meeting

10/97 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to attend the AGM of the West Lancs. VSS on the Tuesday, 17th June, 1997.

B. Other Correspondence The following were noted:-

1. District Council - Committee and Council Agendas
2. South Ribble Borough Council - Apology for misusing Council Notice Boards
3. Association for Conservation of Energy - Latest Newsletter

## FINANCE

Request for donation

11/97 RESOLVED:- That the request for a donation from the West Lancs. VSS be deferred until later in the year.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No issues were raised under this heading.

## PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

12/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/97/0431 - Removal of condition No 3 imposed on planning permission (Ref 08/96/0161) - The stable shall be used for private purposes only and shall not be used for riding school, livery or any other commercial purpose - Newarth Stables, Newarth Lane (To go to Committee)

2. Development & Planning Committee - 22nd May, 1997

13/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/97/0228 Erection of detached house (including details of siting & means of access) - Land adj. 109 Moss Lane (Recommendation - GRANTED)

b. No 08/97/0038 Outline - One detached dormer bungalow (including details of siting and means of access) - 8 Granville Avenue (Recommendation - GRANTED)

c. No 08/96/0926 Replace existing bungalow with a 2-storey dwelling & double garage - 168 Moss Lane (Recommendation - GRANTED)

3. West Lancashire Local Plan The Clerk had made a provisional booking for the Council to appear at the forthcoming Public Inquiry.

14/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the action of the Clerk be confirmed, and

2. That a decision be taken on whether or not to appear when a reply is received from the Director of Development & Amenities regarding the designation of Conservation Areas.

B. Other Matters The following was noted:-

Planning Determination - No 08/97/0302 - First floor rear extension - 44 Station Road - GRANTED

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Grass cutting The County Council had been asked to cut the grass at the junction of Delta Park Drive and Chapel Road before last weekend but had failed to do so. The grass on Station Bridge and the embankment also required attention.

15/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to send a letter of complaint to the County Council regarding the grass in Chapel Road and ask for the grass on Station Road bridge to be cut as soon as possible.

2. Streetcleaning A number of complaints had been received about the deterioration in the standard of street cleaning since the Parish Council lost the contract.

16/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to send a strong letter of complaint to the District Council regarding the deterioration in the standard of streetcleaning in the Parish and ask for details of the current cleaning schedules.

3. Best Kept Village Competition

17/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to enter the Best Kept Village Competition for the current year, if at all possible, and ask about when judging is likely to take place.

B. Other Matters The following was noted:-

Bus Shelter - Hundred End This shelter had been repaired and Mrs H Sephton had been given some spare bolts and an allen key.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Recreation Ground - Grass cutting

18/97 RESOLVED:- That approval be given for Mr Halstead to undertake some mowing whilst removing the rubbish from under the hedges, at an extra cost based on the time taken.

2. Recreation Ground - Fence and Gate to School

19/97 RESOLVED:- That this issue be taken up with the School Governors at the earliest opportunity.

3. Weeding and Weed Spraying

20/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr J R Foster be asked if he would undertake weeding and weed spraying on the play areas at Glenpark Drive and Station Road.

4. Glenpark Drive - Additional Play Equipment

21/97 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee be requested to discuss the provision of additional play equipment at Glenpark Drive to stop the playing of football on the area.

B. Other Matters The following was noted:-

Flagged footpath Awaiting results of meeting with Mr Dalton.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

22/97 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (Exempt information Paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of LGA 1972) (MR P SERGEANT DECLARED AN INTEREST)**

1. Northern Boundary The Clerk and Chairman reported on a further meeting with Mr & Mrs Wignall when Mr Wignall refused to confirm, in writing, his offer regarding the hedge and ditch unless a right of access was granted through the hedge by the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.00pm to enable the Annual Parish Assembly to be held.

The meeting was reconvened at 9.15pm.

**CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (Exempt information Paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of LGA 1972) (MR P SERGEANT DECLARED AN INTEREST)**

1. Northern Boundary(Cont) The Clerk reminded the Council of the advice of the Council's Solicitor.

23/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be requested to place an order with Mr J Ball for the provision of a sign, at the entrance to the Sports Ground, to safeguard the Council's position with regard to access to the Sports Ground, and

2. That the Council's Solicitor be advised of the latest position and asked for his further advice.

2. Leases The Football Club had paid the rental for 1996/97 of £171.

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A letter had been received, signed jointly by the Cricket and Football Clubs, which set out certain concerns regarding the leases and requested an urgent meeting with the Parish Council.

24/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the concerns be referred to the Centenary Sports Ground Committee along with those already received from the Bowling Club,

2. That a meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, 29th May, 1997 at 7.30pm to consider the various issues raised by the three Sports Clubs and formulate recommendations for consideration by the Council at the next meeting, and

3. That a joint meeting of the Parish Council and representatives of the three Sports Clubs be held following the next meeting of the Council provided it is understood by the Clubs that the discussion will be restricted to the issues raised by the Clubs in their recent correspondence.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND ALLOTMENTS, SHORE ROAD

25/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to seek the advice of the NALC about the provision, by adjacent landowners, of personal access points to Parish Council owned land.

#### NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Clerk indicated he would be on holiday for the next meeting of the Council and Mr J Hunter undertook to take notes of the meeting to allow the Clerk to prepare the Minutes on his return.

*Nana Goodwin  
16/6/97  
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PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames H O Sephton and J Witter

Messrs B Birkby; J Hunter; P J A Sergeant; S Trippier and K Wareing

Three members of the public were present.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs P M Stables and The Clerk.

### CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman reported a letter of resignation from Mrs D M Trippier and the reply sent to Mrs Trippier by the Clerk.

26/97 RESOLVED:- (1) That the Clerk be authorised to advise the District Council of the resignation of Mrs D M Trippier and advertise the vacancy in the usual manner,

(2) That the Clerk be requested to send a further letter to Mrs Trippier accepting, with sadness, her resignation and thanking her for her past service to the Parish Council, and

(3) That, if an election is not called, the Clerk be authorised to place notices in the parish seeking applicants to fill the vacancy.

### MINUTES

27/97 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th May, 1997, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Environment Exhibition Mrs H Sephton and Mrs P Stables had arranged for the exhibition to be displayed in All Saints Church Hall on Saturday, 5th July, 1997 from 2.00pm onwards and had placed posters advertising the exhibition around the village.

2. Police Open Morning Mesdames H Sephton, P Stables and J Witter had attended and Mrs Sephton presented a report, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### A. Items for Decision

1. District Council - Chairman's Fund-raising A letter had been received from the Chairman seeking volunteers to assist with fund raising activities.

28/97 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman of the District Council be advised that there are no volunteers from this Parish but the Council wishes her every success in her efforts.

**B. Items to Note** The following were noted:-

1. District Council a. Committee agendas  
b. Local Government Drugs Forum Newsletter - To be copied for each Councillor and copies placed on the Notice Boards.
2. Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Notice of AGM - Passed to Mr P Sergeant who was unable to attend but would send his apologies.
3. Pondscape - Summer Edition - Passed to Mr S Trippier
4. CPRE Bowling Trophy - Hesketh Bank Bowling Club had replied and offered the green and the Clerk had advised CPRE. The Ladies Bowling Club were still to respond.
5. Sefton & West Lancs Health Authorities - Consultative Document Received - Dates and venues of public meetings noted.

**FINANCE**

**A. Items for Decision**

1. Accounts for payment

29/97 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Annual Subscription   | - £ 10.00  |
| b. Lancs. Assoc. of Parish & Town Councils - Annual Subscription | - £234.10  |
| c. Mr B W Rimmer - Clerk's Salary & expenses                     | - £ 610.61 |

2. Request for grant

30/97 RESOLVED:- That consideration of a request for a grant from Tarleton Terriors Junior Rugby Club be deferred until later in the financial year.

**B. Items to Note** The following was noted:-

1. Receipts Cheques for £16.25 from Mr P Veevers and Mr R D Banks as a contribution towards the cutting down of trees adjacent to their property.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The only item raised was in respect of a hedge in Moss Lane.

**PLANNING MATTERS**

**A. Items for Decision**

1. Weekly Lists

31/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/97/0458 Erection of general purpose agricultural building - Freshfields, Hundred End Lane (Delegated to Director of Development & Amenities)
- b. No 08/97/0523 Attached garage/car port at side - 427 Moss Lane (Delegated to Director of Development & Amenities)
- c. No 08/97/0501 First floor bedroom extension at rear - 72 Shore Road



2. That the Clerk be requested to request more details of the planned signs which are the subject of the following application:-

No 08/97/0494 Display of illuminated and non-illuminated signs - Beconsall Hotel, 25 Station Road

2. Development & Planning Committee - 19th June, 1997

32/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/97/0375 Substitution of house types (Plots 14-17, 20-21, 26-29, 31, 34-37, 39, 46-57A, 64-72, 74 and 76) - Land at Station Road (Recommendation - Granted)

b. No 08/97/0247 Change of use of youth centre/children's day care centre to village hall/children's day care centre - Hesketh Bank Village Hall, Station Road (Recommendation - Granted)

3. Conservation Area Designation The Director of Development & Amenities had set out the way in which a Conservation Area could be designated. Mr S Trippier indicated that he would not be able to attend the Public Inquiry into the West Lancashire Local Plan to speak on this subject.

33/97 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council would not be appearing at the Inquiry into the West Lancashire Local Plan.

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. Applications determined since last meeting

a. No 08/96/0926 Replace existing bungalow with a two storey dwelling and double garage - 1687 Moss Lane (GRANTED)

b. No 08/97/0038 Outline - One detached dormer bungalow (including details of siting and means of access) - 8 Granville Avenue (GRANTED)

c. No 08/97/0228 Outline - Erection of detached house (including details of siting and means of access) - Land adj. 109 Moss Lane (GRANTED)

d. No 08/97/0356 Agricultural storage building - 'Avondale', Hundred End Lane (GRANTED)

e. No 08/97/0302 First floor rear extension - 44 Station Road (GRANTED)

f. No 08/97/0358 Reserved matters - Detached house and garage (Design, external appearance, landscaping and amended siting) - Land adj. 86 Chapel Road (APPROVED)

2. Appeal decision No 08/96/1061 - Erection of garage in extended curtilage - 198 Moss Lane (ALLOWED - OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED)

3. 'Solfresh', Moss Lane Director of Housing & Health has indicated that the complaint is currently on-hold pending further contact from the complainant. No reply received from the Planning Department to date.



## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

1. Street cleaning The District Council had indicated that they had not received any complaints. The lengthsman swept around the shops daily but was also employed in Tarleton and Banks. Mechanical footpath and channel sweepers were also used in the parish.

34/97 RESOLVED:- That details of the letter be published in the next Parish Newsletter and that residents be encouraged to complain to the District Council when appropriate.

### B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. Grasscutting by County Council A letter of apology had been received about the late grasscutting in Chapel Road and indicated that Station Road embankment would be added to the grasscutting schedule.

2. Best Kept Village Competition The Council's entry had been accepted and a number of residents had been interviewed on Radio Lancashire. The Beconsall Hotel indicated that work at the Hotel would be carried out shortly.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Annual Inspection

35/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Annual Inspection by the Recreation Committee be held on the 4th August, 1997 commencing at 6.00pm at The Beconsall Hotel, and

2. That the Committee be asked to look at the following issues and report back to a future meeting of the Council,

- a. the possibility of purchasing additional play equipment for Glenpark Drive Play Area,
- b. the broken flags on the footpath across the Recreation Ground and discuss the possibility of replacing the flags with a different surface, and
- c. the boundary between the Station Road Play Area and Cherry Vale.

2. Recreation Ground - Flooding by the swings The Chairman, Mr P Sergeant and Mr S Trippier had met with Mr D Dalton and discussed the work required to alleviate the problems of flooding by the swings.

36/97 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be requested to seek an estimate of the work required for submission to a future meeting of the Council.

3. Recreation Ground - Belsfield Drive boundary The Chairman reported on her visit to the two residents who had complained about the height of the trees and the hedge.

37/97 RESOLVED:- That the payment made by the two residents be noted and that they be advised that the Council will take steps to reduce the height of the hedge in the Autumn.

#### 4. Station Road Play Area - Broken Fence

38/97 RESOLVED:- That a request be placed in the next Parish Newsletter for members of the public who witness any act of wanton vandalism in the Parish to bring the act to the attention of a responsible authority.

#### B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. Recreation Ground - Grass Cutting The Chairman had spoken to Brophy's who would see to the area between the flagged path and the boundary with Belsfield Drive/Ribble Drive.

2. Recreation Ground - Cleaning under hedges Mr K Wareing reported that an order had been placed for further work to be undertaken under the Belsfield Drive/Ribble Drive hedges.

3. Recreation Ground - School boundary fence The school would repair this fence.

4. Recreation Ground - Car Park Three quotations would be required for the work to tarmac the car park and the question of drainage should also be considered.

5. Glenpark Drive Play Area - Spraying and weeding Mr J R Foster had carried out this work and an account would be presented to the next meeting.

6. Station Road Play Area - Cherry Vale boundary A letter from the residents responsible for the rubble was noted.

#### ALLOTMENTS

#### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Annual Inspection

39/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Annual Inspection by the Allotments Committee be held on the 4th August, 1997 commencing at 6.30pm.

#### 2. Ditches and Drains

40/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr K Wareing be thanked for arranging for the work to be undertaken on the ditch, and

2. That a reply from the Environment Agency regarding the drainage through Finneys Gutter be noted and a copy of the letter passed to Mr A Fowler, who had raised the subject at the Annual Assembly.

#### EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

41/97 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (Exempt information Paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of LGA 1972) (MR P SERGEANT DECLARED AN INTEREST)

A. Items for Decision

1. Northern Boundary A letter from the Council's Solicitors was noted.

42/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to obtain three estimates to re-establish the hedge and erect a fence, consisting of 5 ft high chestnut paling, on the northern side of the Council owned ditch, subject to the hedge being re-established without encroachment onto the adjacent land.

2. Leases for Sports Clubs A report of the meeting of the Centenary Sports Ground Committee was presented to the Council and a letter from the Secretary of the Bowling Club was noted.

43/97 RESOLVED:- That the Report of the Centenary Sports Ground Committee, as now presented, be approved and adopted.

(N.B. The item in the report relating to the area of land to be leased to the Football Club was subject to the following vote:-

FOR THE RECOMMENDATION	- 5
AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATION	- 0
ABSTAINED	- 2

Mr P Sergeant did not take part in the debate or the vote)

*John Dyson*  
21-7-97

## HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 21st July, 1997 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mr K Wareing (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

Mesdames H O Sephton and J Witter

Messrs R C Ball; B Birkby; P J A Sergeant and S Trippier

Nine members of the public were present.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman); Mrs P M Stables and Mr J Hunter

### MINUTES

44/97 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th June, 1997, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Vacancy The vacancy had been advertised and the District Council would advise the Council of the outcome.

2. Environmental Exhibition Mrs H Sephton reported on the exhibition which had been held on the day of the Church Garden Party. The answers to the questionnaire had been passed to the District Council for collation and subsequent formulation into a working plan for the district. The biggest concerns appeared to be dog fouling; traffic levels and disappearing birds.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### 1. ITEMS FOR DECISION

##### a. District Council - Civic Guide

45/97 RESOLVED:- That information regarding the derivative of Becconsall be added to the entry for next year.

b. Rural Areas Tenants' Association The District Council were seeking assistance in identifying a tenant to serve on the newly formed Association.

46/97 RESOLVED:- That details be placed in the next newsletter.

##### c. County Council - Use of Property Services Department

47/97 RESOLVED:- That the information be passed to the Village Hall Committee.

*met*

d. Local MP Mr D Borrow MP wished to meet the Parish Council in the near future.

48/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk awaits an approach from the MP regarding a meeting with members of the Council.

e. Mobile Mammography Unit Dr R K Gulati had written to the Wigan Breast Screening Unit requesting a visit to this Parish rather than Tarleton.

49/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to write to the Unit requesting a visit to the Parish.

2. ITEMS TO NOTE The following were noted:-

- a. District Council Agendas - No items for the Parish
- b. LAP&TC Summer Newsletter
- c. Local Council Review - July edition
- d. Health Services Review - Latest position
- e. CPRE Bowling Trophy - Becconsall Ladies Bowling Club had indicated interest and offered the use of their Green

FINANCE

1. ITEMS FOR DECISION

a. Accounts for Payment

50/97 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

1. Hesketh Bank AFC - Standing water charge	£ 9.25
2. Mr J R Foster - Weedspraying etc	£ 25.00
3. Mr J Ball - New notice board	£ 121.71
4. Banks Wilson - Solicitors' Fees	£ 253.80
5. Zurich Insurance Co - Play equipment insurance	£ 203.84
6. Yates Playgrounds - Repairs and painting of equipment	£ 848.93
7. Mr A Coxhead - Work at allotments and Recreation Ground	£ 72.85
8. Mr D Halstead - Work at allotments and Recreation Ground	£ 210.00
9. Mr K S Wareing - Plant and materials	£ 109.27

b. Application for Grant

51/97 RESOLVED:- That consideration of the application from MENCAP West Lancs be deferred until later in the financial year.

2. ITEMS TO NOTE The following item was noted:-

Receipts Hesketh Bank Cricket Club - Rental for 1996/97 £ 198.00

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following issues were raised:- Overhanging hedges; Co-option of Councillor and Parking on Station Road Bridge.

*met*

## PLANNING MATTERS

### 1. ITEMS FOR DECISION

#### a. Weekly Lists

52/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

1. No 08/97/0534 - Reserved matters - Details of detached garage in extended curtilage - 198 Moss Lane (To be determined by Director)
2. No 08/97/0538 - Retention of siting of one satellite dish - 5 Station Road (To be determined by Director)
3. No 08/97/0444 - Erection of greenhouse for research & development purposes - Belvedere Nurseries, Chapel Road (To be determined by Director)
4. No 08/97/0523 - Attached garage/car port at side with domestic store over - 427 Moss Lane (To be determined by Director)
5. No 08/97/0578 - Detached dwelling and garage including new vehicular/pedestrian access (amendment to planning permission 08/96/0130) - Land adj. 82 Moss Lane (To be determined by Director)
6. No 08/97/0579 - Erection of vegetable store - Land at 82 Moss Lane (To be determined by Director)
7. No 08/97/0635 - Demolition of existing property and erection of semi-detached dwellings - 29 Moss Lane (To go to Committee)

#### b. Development & Planning Committee - 24th July, 1997

##### Appeals Lodged

53/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following appeals:-

1. Enforcement No E/96/0042 - (a) Creation of new vehicle access road and parking areas - Land adj. 6 Guide Road and 20 Shore Road  
(b) Change of use of the land adjoining access road from agricultural to use as a vehicle access and for the parking of vehicles and storage of tyres - Land adj. 6 Guide Road (Inquiry to be held)
2. Application No 08/97/0087 - Erection of replacement detached dormer bungalow - Station House, Boundary Lane, Hundred End (Written reps)

c. 'Solfresh', Moss Lane (THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED AN INTEREST) The Planning Department had indicated that they were in touch with the Solicitors acting for the complainants.

54/97 RESOLVED:- That the matter be noted and no further action taken.

d. Hedgerows Regulations 1997 The Council would need to respond to the notification of applications within 14 days of receiving the weekly lists.

- 55/97 RESOLVED:-
1. That the Clerk be authorised to raise an objection to all applications to remove hedgerows,
  2. That the Clerk be requested to ask the Planning Department if the hedge alongside Poppyfields will fall within the new regulations and
  3. That the state of the hedge on the northern side of Beconsall Lane be investigated.

2. ITEMS TO NOTE The following items were noted:-

a. Applications Determined

1. No 08/97/0247 - Change of use of youth centre/children's day care centre to village hall/children's day care centre - Hesketh Bank Village Hall, Station Road (GRANTED)

2. No 08/97/0375 - Substitution of house types - Plots 14-17, 20-21, 26-29, 31, 34-37, 39, 46-57A, 64-72, 74 & 76 - Land at Station Road (GRANTED)

3. No 08/97/0458 - Erection of general purpose agricultural building - Freshfields, Hundred End Lane (GRANTED)

4. No 08/97/0501 - First floor bedroom extension at rear - 72 Shore Road (GRANTED)

5. No 08/97/0494 - Display of various illuminated and non-illuminated signs - The Beconsall, 25 Station Road (CONSENT GRANTED)

b. Plot 102, Poppyfields The Planning Department had inspected the site and indicated that the fence had been moved to allow access for a skip. The fence would be replaced on completion. The Clerk to supply a copy of the letter to the Chairman.

**HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

1. ITEM FOR DECISION

a. Potholes

56/97 RESOLVED:- That the County Divisional Surveyor be advised of the pothole in Moss Lane near to the junction of Station Road.

2. ITEM TO NOTE

a. Parking Restrictions The Clerk reported on a meeting between the Vice-Chairman of the Council, Mrs J Witter, County Councillor R Hodge, and representatives of the Police and County Surveyor regarding parking restrictions in the village. The Police undertook to provide further information to the County Surveyor regarding accidents at the various locations following which the County Surveyor would produce revised recommendations for consideration by the Parish Council.

**RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS**

1. ITEMS FOR DECISION

a. Maintenance of Play Areas

57/97 RESOLVED:- That an advertisement be placed on the Notice Boards and in the Newsletter seeking a person to carry out routine maintenance work at the play areas.

b. Recreation Ground - Surfacing of Car Park

58/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to obtain three estimates for the surfacing of the Recreation Ground to be undertaken during the half term holiday and to include adequate provision for the drainage of surface water.

c. Recreation Ground - Belsfield Drive boundary

59/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr K Wareing be authorised to spend up to £20 to arrange for the weeds to be cut back on this boundary.



d. Station Road Play Area - Wooden Posts One of the wooden posts preventing access by vehicles was broken and the other post could well break in the near future.

60/97 RESOLVED:- That the wooden posts be replaced with concrete bollards and Mr K Wareing be requested to obtain two quotations for consideration at a future meeting.

2. ITEMS TO NOTE The following were noted:-

a. Recreation Ground - Flooding by swings - A price was awaited from Mr D Dalton and Mr R Ball undertook to try to contact Mr Dalton.

b. Recreation Ground - Cleaning under hedges - Brophy's had been contacted about cutting between the path and the hedge and once this was done, the rubbish under the hedge would be removed.

#### CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

1. ITEMS FOR DECISION

a. New Sign Board A quotation had been received from Mr J Ball in the sum of £140.00.

61/97 RESOLVED:- That consideration of the quotation be deferred until later in the meeting.

2. ITEMS TO NOTE The following were noted:-

a. Station Road hedge - A letter from and reply to Mr A J Sergison about the state of the hedge for which an order had been placed for it to be cut.

b. Co-operation between Sports Clubs - A letter from Mrs E Farrington to Hesketh Bank AFC hoping for co-operation between the 3 Sports Clubs.

#### PRIVATE ACCESS TO PARISH COUNCIL LAND

The Clerk reported on information received from NALC regarding unauthorised access by residents to the Recreation Ground and the Allotments and the dumping of rubbish on to the Recreation Ground.

62/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That after the rubbish has been removed from under the hedge alongside Belsfield Drive and Ribble Drive, the Clerk be authorised to write to all householders regarding the unauthorised dumping of rubbish on the Recreation Ground,

2. That the Recreation Committee be requested to identify the householders who have formed an unauthorised access to the Recreation Ground to enable the Clerk to write to those people on the lines suggested by the NALC, and

3. That the Clerk be authorised to write to the Allotment Tenants who have formed an unauthorised access on the lines suggested by the NALC.

#### LAP&TC AREA COMMITTEE - 11TH JULY 1997

The Chairman reported on the meeting which covered the following issues:- re-election of officers (all re-elected); a video of hedgerows; honorarium for the Secretary; S 137 grants; charges by the auditor; review of health services and a discussion on finance.

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## DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

The District Council had asked each Parish Council to consider a number of documents relating to relationships between District and Parish Councils.

63/97 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council notes the Joint Statement of the ADC/NALC which provides a sound basis for relationships between District and Parish Council; notes the survey of the Lancashire Branch of the ADC which indicates that the Parishes in West Lancashire are treated at least as favourably as parishes in other districts in many respects and more favourably in some respects; and has no suggestions for amending the current financial arrangements between the District Council and the Parishes.

## CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

Mrs D Trippier asked for her letter to the local newspaper regarding her resignation from the Council to be read and the Council agreed to members of the public being allowed to comment and ask questions about the Centenary Sports Ground which were answered by the Chairman.

## EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

64/97 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (Exempt information Paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of LGA 1972) (MR P SERGEANT DECLARED AN INTEREST)

### 1. ITEMS FOR DECISION

a. Northern Boundary The Vice-Chairman reported on comments made by the adjoining landowner when he was discussing the provision of a fence with a Contractor.

65/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr K Wareing be authorised to obtain two quotations for the provision of a 5ft fence on the northern side of the existing hedge,

2. That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, in consultation with the Clerk, be authorised to accept the lowest quotation,

3. That the provision of a sign board be left in abeyance for the time being, and

4. That the Football Club be advised that there is no legal right of way through the hedge on the northern boundary of the Sports Field.

b. Enforcement Action - 140 Station Road The Clerk reported on correspondence and a conversation with a resident of Station Road.

66/97 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to report the facts of the incident to the Local Government Ombudsman.

### 2. ITEM TO NOTE

Leases The Clerk had responded to the questions asked by the 3 Sports Clubs and was awaiting their further comments.

*Nanna Goodie's  
11/9/97*

## HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 1st September, 1997 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames P M Stables and J Witter

Messrs R C Ball; B Birkby; J Hunter; P J A Sergeant; S Trippier and K Wareing

One member of the public was present.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs H O Sephton.

### DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

At the start of the meeting, the Council observed a minutes silence in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales.

### MINUTES

67/97 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st July, 1997, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items under this heading.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

##### 1. LAP&TC - AGM 8th November, 1997

68/97 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Mrs H O Sephton be appointed to represent the Council at the AGM of the LAP&TC, and that Mr J Hunter be nominated as reserve.

##### 2. LAP&TC - Training Day 11th October, 1997

69/97 RESOLVED:- That no nomination be made to attend the Training Day.

##### 3. Lancashire Rural Action - Conference 25th October, 1997

70/97 RESOLVED:- That no nomination be made to attend this conference.

##### 4. Application for Transfer of Justices' Licence - 85 Station Road

71/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the application to transfer the Justices' Licence.

5. Village Hall Committee - Future Plans

72/97 RESOLVED:- That the future plans for the Village Hall and the arrangements for the AGM, Monday, 6th October, 1997 at 8.00pm, be noted.

6. Wigan Breast Screening Unit A response to the Council's representations had been received from the Wigan & Leigh Health Services NHS Trust and a further copy letter sent to the Unit by Dr Gulati.

73/97 RESOLVED:- That the contents of the letters be noted and Dr Gulati asked if a three phase electricity supply is available at his premises.

B. ITEMS TO NOTE The following items were noted:-

1. District Council Agendas - No items for this Parish.
2. District Council's Rural Housing Advice Note
3. District Council Members' Briefing Note - August 1997
4. CCL News - Summer Edition
5. Health Service Review - Latest update
6. NALC - Annual Report & Accounts 1996/97

FINANCE

A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

Accounts for payment

74/97 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

Hesketh Bank AFC - Standing charge for water	£ 9.25
CPRE - Annual Subscription	£17.50

B. ITEMS TO NOTE

1. Clerk's Salary Local Government Staff had been awarded an increase of 2.5% which would be added to the Clerk's salary for the next financial year.
2. Audit of Accounts The audit had been completed without the Clerk having to answer questions from the Auditors.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION There were no items raised under this heading.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

75/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/97/0661 - Conversion of barn to dwelling. Alterations and extensions to existing stable to form double garage. Renovations and alterations to existing farmhouse - Primrose Farm, Marsh Road (To go to Committee)

- b. No 08/97/0662 - Garage extension at side to replace car port; porch at front; pitched roof to replace flat roof at side - 45 Moss Lane (To be determined by Director)
- c. No 08/97/0685 - Part single/part two storey extensions to side/rear elevations - 19 Becconsall Lane (To be determined by Director)
- d. No 08/97/0688 - Single storey extension at rear and alteration to shop front - 85/87 Station Road (To be determined by Director)
- e. No 08/97/0728 - Conservatory at side - 1 Newarth Lane (To be determined by Director)
- f. No 08/97/0733 - Reserved matters - Detached dormer bungalow (including details of design, external appearance & landscaping) - Land adj. 8 Granville Avenue (To be determined by Director)

2. Development & Planning Committee - 4th September, 1997

76/97 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/97/0635 - Demolition of existing property and erection of one pair of semi-detached dwellings - 29 Moss Lane (Recommendation - Approval)
- b. No 08/97/0444 - Retention of greenhouse for research & development purposes - Belvedere Nurseries, Chapel Road (Recommendation - Approval)

B. ITEMS TO NOTE The following items were noted:-

- 1. Applications determined since last meeting
  - a. No 08/97/0523 - Attached garage/car port at side with domestic store over - 27 Moss Lane (GRANTED)
  - b. No 08/97/0534 - Reserved matters - Details of detached garage in extended curtilage - 198 Moss Lane (APPROVED)
  - c. No 08/97/0538 Retention of siting of one satellite dish - 5 Station Road (GRANTED)
  - d. No 08/96/1122 - O/L demolition of existing derelict farm buildings and erection of 12 terraced dwellings (including details siting and means of access) - Land off The Brow (GRANTED)
- 2. Display of signs at Becconsall Hotel - Details were noted
- 3. Hedgerow at Poppyfields - Did not fall within the Hedgerow Regulations - Mrs Witter to ask the Planning Department about future responsibility for the hedge.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Proposed Waiting Restrictions The County Surveyor had now indicated that he would recommend the Highways and Transportation Committee of the County Council to withdraw the proposals for restrictions at the summit of Station Road Bridge, the junction of Station Road and Chapel Road and the junction of Shore Road and Guide Road. In addition, he proposed to recommend that the restrictions at the junction of Station Road and Moss Lane be reduced on the west side of Station Road, north of the junction, by 6.5 metres which would delete the restrictions along the frontage of No 1 Station Road.

77/97 RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor be advised that the Parish Council supports the revised proposals for waiting restrictions at the junction of Station Road and Moss Lane and the withdrawal of the proposed restrictions at the summit of Station Road Bridge, the junction of Station Road and Chapel Road and the junction of Shore Road and Guide Road.

The County Surveyor had also made suggestions about the provision of bollards on the footway and forecourts of Station Road to prevent the driving of vehicles along the footway.

78/97 RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor be requested to convene a site meeting, with representatives of the Parish Council and the various shop owners, to discuss his suggestions for the provision of bollards on the footway and forecourts of Station Road.

2. Road Safety Area Action Group The County Council were proposing to establish a Road Safety Action Group covering the districts of Preston, South Ribble, Chorley and West Lancashire.

79/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr S Trippier be nominated to represent the Parish Council on the new Road Safety Action Group to be established by the County Council.

3. Hand Mown Grasscutting for County Council It was reported that the County Council had asked if the Parish Council wished to undertake hand mown grasscutting for the County Council on an agency basis. The Clerk had consulted the Chairman who had agreed, with the Clerk, that due to current difficulties in finding a suitable contractor within the Parish, the invitation be declined.

80/97 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Chairman and Clerk, in declining the invitation to undertake hand grown grasscutting in the Parish, be confirmed.

4. Streetlighting A new lighting column had not yet been connected and at least two other lights in the Parish were out. The Chairman undertook to report these matters to the County Council.

5. Litter Bins

81/97 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to provide a litter in the vicinity of the Becconsall Hotel, Station Road.

6. Streetcleaning - Weeds in Gutters Complaints had been received about weeds in the gutters in Langdale Avenue and Chapel Road.

82/97 RESOLVED:- That residents complaining to Councillors about the standard of streetcleaning should be asked to report the matter direct to the District Council or, if they did not wish to take such action, the Councillor should ask for their name and address and pass the complaint on to the District Council together with the name of the complainant.

- B. ITEMS TO NOTE The following item was noted:-  
Moss Lane - The pothole would be inspected and repaired, if appropriate.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Annual Inspection The Chairman presented a report, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book, on the Annual Inspection of the Recreation Ground and Play Areas. It was recommended that the Council needs to instigate a programme of repairs and improvements to bring the areas up to an acceptable standard and this programme should be undertaken over the next 5 years.