

HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 27th April, 1998 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter

Messrs R C Ball; B Birkby; J R Foster; A Murphy and P J A Sergeant;

Five members of the public were present.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Ms C Chadwick; Mrs P Stables and Mr J Hunter

MINUTES

209/97 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th March, 1998, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Donations Letters of thanks had been received from All Saints Church PCC; MENCAP(West Lancs); West Lancs Dial-a-Ride and Victim Support (West Lancs).

2. LAP&TC Area Committee It was reported that a presentation had been given on the West Lancashire Development Plan by Mr P Bradford of the Planning Dept; the District Council was responsible for weed control; School bus passes depended on the bus contractor and the contracted hours for the pass but eventually the County Council were to do away with subsidised bus passes; and the Newburgh proposal regarding agendas for the AGM was amended from 2 months to one month.

The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council regarding School Bus Passes.

3. Waste Collection Charges The District Council had indicated that a random survey of 10 Lancashire Districts had shown that all levied a charge for collecting waste materials from charities as did St Helens & Sefton MBC's. In addition, all community centres in Skelmersdale paid full rates as the Council is not allowed to grant itself discretionary relief.

4. Best Kept Village Competition An entry had been made and posters would be placed around the village. It was agreed to post future results on the Notice Boards. The Clerk was asked to send the County Council a reminder about the 'Hesketh Bank' sign from Hesketh Lane/Station Road.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Appointment of School Governors by Minor Authorities The Clerk had received a similar response from the Department of Education and Employment to that received by the Secretary of the LAP&TC Area Committee which confirmed that Minor Authority Governors would be appointed by invitation not as of right.

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

1. District Council Agendas - There were no items for this Parish
2. Lancashire County Council Environment Directorate - This would cover Transportation Policy, Highways Consultancy and Planning with Graham Harding as the Director
3. CCL News - The latest edition had been received
4. Pondscapes - The latest edition had been received
5. LAP&TC - A newsletter had been received which included the final report on the Disciplinary Procedures taken in London
6. Grasscutting - A letter of thanks had been received from a resident about the grasscutting in Chapel Road

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

210/97 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

Autocross, Rossendale - Repairs to bus shelters

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| a. | Shore Road/Chapel Road - | £ 170.38 |
| b. | Station Road (All Saints Church) - | £ 340.75 |

Total £ 511.13/

I J Webb Esq - Road planings £ 423.00/

B. Items to Note

1. Receipts The following was noted:-

West Lancashire District Council - Precept - First payment £7,500.00/

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following items were raised:- Access across the northern boundary of the Centenary Sports Ground; the fencing of the northern boundary; leases for the 3 Sports Clubs; and disclaimers over rights of way onto Parish Council land.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly lists

211/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/98/0270 - Use of one room for Aroma Beauty Therapy treatment - 128 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank (To be determined by Director)
- b. No 08/98/0281 - Reserved matters - Erection of one detached house (inc revised details of means of access) - Land adj. 109 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank (To be determined by Director)

met

c. No 08/98/0322 - Installation of 3 air conditioning condensing units on rear elevation - Midland Bank plc, Station Road, Hesketh Bank - (To be determined by Director)

2. Development & Planning Committee - 30th April, 1998

212/97 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/98/0170 - Erection of one detached bungalow & detached garage - Plot 1, Rose Gardens, Hesketh Bank (Recommendation - GRANTED)

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

Applications determined since last meeting

a. No 08/98/0117 - Detached double garage at rear - 36 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED)

b. No 08/98/0186 - Siting of portacabin for use as canteen - Westview, English Village Salads, Hundred End Lane, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED to 30/04/2000)

c. No 08/98/0155 - Detached bungalow and garage and new vehicular/pedestrian access - Land at 22 Boundary Lane, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Replacement Bus Shelter - Chapel Road near to Charles Close An estimate had been received from Autocross as follows:-

New shelter to match recent purchases	£ 985.00
Windbreaks x 2	£ 600.00
Site preparation & installation	£ 325.00
Total	<u>£1910.00 plus VAT</u>

213/97 RESOLVED:- That an order be placed with Autocross for the replacement of the bus shelter on Chapel Road near to Charles Close at a total cost of £1910.00 + VAT.

2. Street Seats An estimate had been received from Mr B Parkinson of Hesketh Bank for the repair and revarnishing of street seats but was submitted on the basis of the various repairs required rather than a cost for each seat.

214/97 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Birkby be authorised

a. To place an order with Mr B Parkinson for the repair and revarnishing of street seats upto a total coat of £300.00 on the basis that the worst seats are repaired first, and

b. To obtain from Mr B Parkinson an estimate of the amount required to complete the repair and revarnishing of all the street seats in the Parish.

3. Street Cleaning Mrs J Birkby had taken photographs of a number of areas of the parish to show that the standard of cleaning was not as high as when the Parish Council employed a lengthsman.

215/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That a catalogue be kept of all complaints etc regarding the cleanliness of the parish, and

2. That the District Council be asked if there is a spraying programme for vegetation in the road channels,

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

1. The Brow Wall Letters from the District Council and the County Council regarding the current state of the wall. The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the District Council's letter to the County Council with a request that the ownership be determined as soon as possible.

2. Station Road Bridge Embankment The County Council had indicated that the chain link would be removed the next time repairs were undertaken. It was also noted that some panels were broken.

3. Dog Fouling A letter outlining the District Council's policy had been received.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Recreation Ground Drainage One quotation had been received in the sum of £ 5,220.00 and Mr P Sergeant was trying to obtain a second price.

2. Recreation Ground and Play Areas - Various Works One estimate had been received for various works.

216/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That an order be placed with Mr B Parkinson of Hesketh Bank for the following works:-

a.	Station Road Play Area - Flagging under park seat	£ 20.00
b.	Station Road Bridge - Trim hawthorn bushes by fence	£ 20.00
c.	Recreation Ground - Supply, fit and relay flagstones	£260.00
d.	Recreation Ground - Removal of rubbish from rear of Belsfield Drive & Ribble Avenue	<u>£ 45.00</u>
	Total cost	<u>£345.00</u>

2. That Mr B Parkinson be requested not to undertake the work in relation to installing bollards at the entrance to the Station Road Play Area, and

3. That the District Council be asked about the removal of rubbish dumped on Parish Council land.

3. Recreation Ground - Litter Bins

217/98 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the litter bin by the swings has been set on fire, and the Council be requested to provide an additional bin adjacent to the pigeon hut at the bottom of the slope.

4. Station Road Play Area The Clerk was asked to contact the owner of the property in Cherry Vale who had said he would remove the rubbish from the Play Area side of wall to ascertain when this work would be undertaken.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

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The Clerk reported responses from North West Water and the Environment Agency about the dumping of sewage from the Pumping Station in ~~Guide~~ Road and from the Environment Agency, BNFL, RADMIL and CEFAS (MAFF) about the discharge of radioactive substances into the River Ribble. The various responses and reports were noted.

TIMETABLE FOR 1998/99

218/98 RESOLVED:- That the following timetable of meetings of the Parish Council be approved and adopted:-

Tuesday, 26th May, 1998(7.00pm); Monday, 22nd June, 1998; Monday, 20th July, 1998; Tuesday, 1st September, 1998; Monday, 28th September, 1998; Monday, 26th October, 1998; Monday, 23rd November, 1998; Monday, 4th January, 1999; Monday, 1st February, 1999; Monday, 1st March, 1999; Monday, 29th March, 1999 and Monday, 26th April, 1999 All meetings to commence at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

219/97 RESOLVED:- That the Annual Parish Assembly be held on Tuesday, 26th May, 1998 at 8.00pm.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

220/97 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 the Local Government Act 1972)

A. Items for Decision

1. Northern Boundary The Contractor had left gaps in the fence by the access points constructed by the neighbouring landowner.

221/97 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr J Hunter be asked to request the Contractor to complete the new boundary fence,

2. That the Clerk be requested to consult the Council's legal advisor on the Council's position once the fence has been completed with a view to informing the owner of the adjacent land of same.

2. Access Road The Clerk was asked to consult the Council's Insurers regarding the use of volunteer labour.

B. Item to Note

1. Leases The Council's Solicitor had been asked to complete the leases for issue to the three Sports Clubs. In response to a question, it was reported that the access road was not a private road but could be used by anyone in the Parish.

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PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames P M Stables and J Witter

Messrs R C Ball; B Birkby; J R Foster; J Hunter; A Murphy and
P J A Sergeant

Two members of the public were present.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs J Birkby.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

01/98 RESOLVED:- That Councillor Mrs N M Goodier be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 1998/99.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

It was agreed that the Declaration would be signed at the next meeting of the Council.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

02/98 RESOLVED:- That Councillor J Hunter be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 1998/99.

MINUTES

03/98 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th April, 1998, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 5 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES - Line 2 'Guide Road' to read 'Marsh Road'

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. School Bus Passes A letter had been sent to the Chief Education Officer regarding the current and possible future policy.
2. Best Kept Village Competition A reminder had been sent to the County Council regarding the Village sign at Hesketh Lane/Station Road and the Clerk undertook to provide copies of the posters for this years competition for the Notice Boards and for local shops.
3. Appointment of School Governors A reminder had been sent to the local MP.
4. Environmental Issues It was PROPOSED and SECONDED that, in the light of the pollution in the river, the Council should make enquiries of the relevant authorities as to whether it was safe to eat fish caught in the river.

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Upon being put, the proposal was defeated by 7 votes to 2 votes and it was thereupon:-

04/98 RESOLVED:- That no further action be taken regarding the safety of eating fish caught in the river.

5. Insurance

05/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to check with the LAP&TC the position regarding insurance for contractors employed by the Parish Council.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

1. RECREATION COMMITTEE

06/98 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the Clerk asking Councillor Ms C Chadwick if she wishes to continue to serve on this Committee, the Constitution consists of the following 5 members of the Council:-

The Chairman; Councillors B Birkby; Ms C Chadwick; Mrs P Stables and Mrs J Witter

2. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

07/98 RESOLVED:- That the Constitution consists of the following 5 members of the Council:-

The Chairman; Councillors R Ball; A Murphy; P Sergeant and Mrs J Witter

3. FOOTPATHS, TREE WARDENS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

08/98 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the Clerk asking Councillor Ms C Chadwick if she wishes to continue to serve on this Committee, the Constitution consists of the following 5 members of the Council:-

The Chairman; Councillors R Ball; Ms C Chadwick; J R Foster and Mrs P Stables

4. CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

09/98 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the Clerk asking Councillor Ms C Chadwick if she wishes to continue to serve on this Committee, the Constitution consists of the following 5 members of the Council:-

The Chairman; The Vice-Chairman; Councillors B Birkby; Ms C Chadwick and Mrs J Witter

5. Millennium Committee

10/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That a Millennium Committee be established for the year 1998/99, and

2. That the Constitution consists of the following 5 members of the Council:-

The Chairman; The Vice-Chairman; Councillors B Birkby; A Murphy and P Sergeant

met

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

11/98 RESOLVED:- That the following appointments be made to the Outside Bodies listed below:-

1. LAP&TC - The Chairman; the Vice-Chairman; and Councillor Mrs J Birkby, subject to the Clerk asking Councillor Mrs J Birkby if she is willing to continue to represent the Council on this body
2. VILLAGE INSTITUTE - Councillor P Sergeant
3. LANCASHIRE PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION - Councillor P Sergeant
4. COUNCIL FOR PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND - The Chairman

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. LAP&TC Training Course A Training Course for new Councillors and Clerks was to be held on the 11th July, 1998 at a cost of £36.00 per person.

12/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That Councillor A Murphy and Councillor J R Foster, if he is able, be authorised to attend the Training Course on the 11th July, 1998, and

2. That the Clerk be requested to ask Councillor Ms C Chadwick if she wishes to attend the course.

2. Lancashire Playing Fields Association - AGM

13/98 RESOLVED:- That Councillor P Sergeant be authorised to attend the AGM on the 19th June, 1998 if he is able to do so.

3. LAP&TC - Area Committee - AGM

14/98 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council do not give a short presentation at the AGM of the Area Committee.

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

1. District Council Agendas - No items for this Parish
2. District Council Members' Bulletin - Circulated to Councillors
3. LAP&TC Circular - Circulated to Councillors
4. District Council - Year 2000 Supply Chain Compliance - Noted
5. District Council - Countryside Events Leaflets - Available for Members

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

15/98 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

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| 1. | Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Subscription | £ 10.00✓ |
| 2. | LAP&TC - Subscription | £ 272.84✓ |
| 3. | Cornhill Insurance - Insurance policy payment | £ 258.79✓ |

B. Items to Note

1. Receipts The following payment had been received:-

West Lancashire District Council - 1/2 Concurrent Expenditure £ 2097.21

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

a. No 08/98/0388 Change of use of outbuildings to 3 dwellings, detached block of 3 garages - Wright's Farm, Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

16/98 RESOLVED:- That no objections be made to this application provided that the District Council ensures that Footpath 39 is not usurped by the development.

b. No 08/98/0434 Replacement dwelling - Moon Farm, Hundred End Lane, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

17/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Development & Planning Committee - 28th May, 1998

a. Applications

18/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

1. No 08/98/0078 2 storey extension at side and first floor extension at rear - Taywood Farm, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - REFUSED - Green belt policies)

2. No 08/98/0098 Siting of residential caravan for horticultural worker (renewal of planning permission No 08/92/1089) - Spencer Propagators, Boundary Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED - Temporary to 31/05/2003)

3. No 08/98/0431 Removal of condition No 3 imposed on planning permission No 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 purposes). Erection of dutch barn - Newarth Stables, Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - REFUSED - Green belt policies)

b. Appeal The following appeal was noted:-

No E/96/0042 Creation of new vehicular access road and parking areas - Land adjacent to 6 Guide Road and 20 Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (WITHDRAWN)

met

3. West Lancashire Local Plan - Supplementary Planning Guidance

19/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to obtain 2 copies of the Planning Guidance in respect of Station Road, Hesketh Bank

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

Applications Determined

1. No 08/98/0170 - Erection of one detached bungalow and detached garage - Plot 1, Rose Gardens, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED)
2. No 08/98/0231 - Extension at side and rear of detached garage including provision of pitched roof over extended building - Vine Cottage, 43 Boundary Lane, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED)
3. No 08/98/0270 - Use of one room for Aroma & Beauty Therapy treatment - 128 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED)
4. No 08/98/0229 - Two storey extension to rear - 21 Station Road, Hesketh Bank (GRANTED)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Temporary Closure of C142 Station Road, Hesketh Bank The Chairman reported that the road had been closed because the Surveyor did not think the wall was safe. The District and County Councils were investigating ownership of the wall. It was the owner's responsibility to undertake necessary repairs. The wall had been stabilised as a temporary measure by being shored up. It was suggested that the question of ownership could go on for some time.

The Clerk undertook to write to the Building Control Manager of the District Council with a copy to the Principal Engineer -Structures regarding the need for an urgent decision on ownership.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.00pm to allow the Annual Parish Assembly to take place.

The meeting recommenced at 9.10pm.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS (CONT)

A. Items for Decision (Con't)

2. Street Seats Councillor B Birkby reported that he had placed an order with Mr B Parkinson of Hesketh Bank for the repair and varnishing of 8 street seats at a total cost of £ 281.50.

20/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the action of Councillor B Birkby in placing an order with Mr B Parkinson for the repair etc of 8 street seats in the sum of £ 281.50 be confirmed, and

2. That Councillor Birkby be requested to obtain an estimate for the repair etc of the remaining street seats for consideration at a future meeting of the Council.

met

3. Footpaths

21/98 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be advised that:-

1. Footpath signs are missing on the following footpaths:-
 - a. Footpath No 43 at Titmouse Brow
 - b. Footpath No 42 at School Fold
 - c. Footpath No 21 - Moss Lane to Boundary Meanygate
 - d. Footpath No 29 - Moss Lane to Dandy's Meanygate and,
2. Footpath No 17 has been blocked by greenhouses which have been built on the line of the footpath.

B. Items to Note

1. Station Road/Marsh Road The Surveyor that because of the lack of traffic accidents at this junction, he was reluctant to install a traffic mirror.
2. Cleaning of roads Concern was expressed about the increasing problems of mud from building sites and fields on roads in the village and it was reported that vehicles were driving straight off the tip at Alty's onto the road without cleaning wheels.

22/98 RESOLVED:- That the Police be requested to take whatever further measures are considered appropriate to reduce the amount of mud etc on roads in the Parish.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Recreation Ground - Drainage Councillor P Sergeant reported the receipt of 3 quotations for drainage work on the Recreation Ground as follows:-

Quote No 1	£ 5220.50 + VAT
Quote No 2	£ 6321.00 + VAT
Quote No 3	£ 4832.50 + VAT

It was necessary to speak to the 3 contractors in order to ascertain if all the required works were included in the quotations.

23/98 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillor P Sergeant and the Clerk be authorised to accept the most advantageous tender for the drainage work required at the Recreation Ground.

2. Play Equipment Report The Insurance Company had identified some items of work required at the Recreation Ground Play Area. It was also reported that the safety surfacing by the roundabout required attention.

24/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mr B Parkinson be requested to provide an estimate for undertaking the work identified by the Insurance Company at the Recreation Ground Play Area,

and 2. That Mr I Yates be requested to provide an estimate for repairing the safety surfacing by the roundabout at the Recreation Ground Play Area.

B. Items to Note

1. Glenpark Drive Play Area - Ownership The Clerk undertook to chase the District Council for a reply regarding the ownership of the Glenpark Drive Play Area.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

25/98 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 the Local Government Act 1972)

A. Items for Decision

1. Northern Boundary The Contractor had provided 2 quotations for filling in the gaps in the new fence on the northern boundary as follows:-

Quote No 1	26 yards	£ 260.00
Quote No 2	36 yards	£ 360.00

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Council's Solicitor which re-iterated the previous advice given in relation to action to be taken by the Council.

26/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the quotation from Mr F Simpson in the sum of £ 360.00 to fill in the gaps in the fence be accepted,

2. That the account from Mr F Simpson for the work completed in the sum of £ 931.96 be accepted for payment,

3. That the Clerk be requested to obtain a quotation for the provision and erection of a notice on the lines suggested by the Council's Solicitor, and

4. That the Clerk be requested to seek advice from the LAP&TC regarding what further action the Council can take in relation to the northern boundary.

2. Leases The Clerk was waiting for the Council's Solicitor to complete the leases.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

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HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 22nd June, 1998 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter

Messrs B Birkby; J R Foster and A Murphy

One member of the press was present for part of the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Messrs R C Ball; J Hunter and P J A Sergeant

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

At the start of the meeting, the Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman.

MINUTES

27/98 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th May, 1998, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Insurance The LAP&TC had indicated that the Council should take positive steps to ensure that contractors used by the Council carry their own Public Liability Insurance. However, the Council's own PLI should cover accidents as a result of work undertaken on behalf of the Council and whilst work is being carried out.

2. LAP&TC Training Course The Clerk reported that Mr J R Foster had indicated that he would attend whilst no contact had been made with Ms C Chadwick.

3. Glenpark Drive Play Area - Ownership This issue was still with the District Council. A complaint had been received that the roots of a tree on the land was lifting the driveway of the adjacent house. The Clerk had asked the District Council to look at the situation.

4. Hesketh Bank Sign A further reminder had been sent to the County Council.

5. Recreation Ground Play Area Approval had been given to accept the lowest tender for the work required and the contractor had been asked to try to keep the expenditure under £5,000. It was mentioned that the contractor should be asked to avoid the Sports Day on the 8th July, 1998.

28/98 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mr P Sergeant, in consultation with the Clerk, in accepting the lowest tender for the work required in the sum of £ 4832.50 + VAT be confirmed.

met

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. West Lancashire Civic Sunday - 19th July, 1998 The Chairman was unable to attend and it was agreed to decline the invitation.
2. West Lancs Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme The AGM was to be held on the 20th July, 1998, which was the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council. It was agreed to decline the invitation.
3. West Lancs Disability Helpline - Fundraising Event It was agreed to put advertising posters on the Notice Boards.
4. LCC - Developing a Rural Transport Strategy for Lancashire The Chairman undertook to complete a questionnaire and to attend a half day Seminar on Saturday, 18th July, 1998 at County Hall, Preston.
5. LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee - AGM - 10th July, 1998
The Agenda was noted.

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

1. District Council Agendas - There were no items affecting this Parish.
2. District Council Members' Briefing Bulletin - This had been circulated.
3. Pondscapes - Latest newsletter
4. Department of Environment, Transport & the Regions - Publication 'The use of Common Land'.
5. Hesketh Bank Good Neighbour Scheme - Annual Report - This had been circulated.
6. Hesketh Village Institute - Deed of Release from Covenant (Council's copy)

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

29/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	Autocross - New shelter, Chapel Road	£ 2244.26✓
	Repairs to shelter, Station Road	£ 381.88✓
b.	Zurich Municipal - Play equipment insurance	£ 241.95✓
c.	Hesketh Village Institute - Annual rent for use of premises	£ 150.00✓
d.	Mr B Parkinson - Repairs to seats	£ 291.70✓
	Recreation Ground - Play equipment repairs	£ 70.00✓
	Station Road Play Area - Various works	£ 175.00✓
e.	Mr B W Rimmer - Clerk's salary & expenses	£ 602.50✓

2. That the action of the Clerk & Vice-Chairman, in agreeing to accept a price from Mr B Parkinson for the repairs to the play equipment at the Recreation Ground not exceeding £ 80.00, be confirmed.

2. Application for Grant (Mrs J Birkby, Mrs J Witter and Mr B Birkby all declared an interest in this item)

The Hesketh Village Institute had requested that the annual grant be paid in kind, via the purchase of some new tables, rather than in cash as in previous years. The purchase of 6 tables, to replace the tables owned by the ATC, would cost £ 301.13 + VAT and the Council could reclaim the VAT paid.

30/98 RESOLVED:- That, because there was not a quorum of Councillors present able to deal with this issue, the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of public present.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

31/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/98/0281 - Reserved matters - Erection of one detached house (including revised details of means of access adjacent to 103 Moss Lane) - Land adj. 109 Moss Lane (Already approved by Director of Development & Amenities)

b. No 08/98/0455 - Front porch - 49 Glenpark Drive (To be determined by Director)

c. No 08/98/0483 - New concrete loading area and re-siting of office - 165 Moss Lane (Mrs J Witter declared an interest in this item - To be submitted to Committee)

d. No 08/98/0474 - Single storey extensions at front & rear - Plumtree Cottage, 51 Newarth Lane (To be determined by Director)

e. No 08/98/0468 - Rebuilding of part of dwelling & alteration to elevations - The Barn, 94a Beconsall lane (To be determined by Director)

2. Development & Planning Committee - 25th June, 1998

a. Applications for determination

32/98 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on the following applications:-

A. No 08/98/0222 - Replace existing bungalow with a two storey dwelling & double garage (amendment to permission 08/96/0926) - 168 Moss Lane (RECOMMENDATION:- Decision delegated to Director of Development & Amenities in consultation with Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Development & Planning Committee subject to Secretary of State raising no objection to the Local Planning Authority making a decision itself on the application)

B. No 08/98/0237 - Amendment to condition 6 imposed on planning permission No 08/89/1226 to extend operating hours from 0830 to 1800 hours to 0700 to 2000 hours - 165 Moss Lane

E 98/22 - Breach of operating hours condition - 165 Moss Lane (Mrs J Witter declared an interest in this item - RECOMMENDATION - Refused - Director of Corporate Resources authorised to issue a Breach of Condition Notice or Enforcement Notice to secure compliance with condition 6 of Planning Permission No 08/89/1226)

b. Appeal The following appeal was noted:-

E/97/0052 Change of use of the land from agricultural to use for the packing and distribution of agricultural produce not grown on land owned or leased by the occupier of the land - Solfresh Ltd, 222 Moss Lane

3. Foreign Workers It was reported that a number of foreign workers, mainly from Madeira, were living in caravans in Moss Lane. They were putting out bin bags for collection and it was suggested that they had also tapped into the sewerage system. The local PC was aware of these workers and had indicated that he had no cause for concern.

33/98 RESOLVED:- That the matter be brought to the attention of the District Council.

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

1. Applications determined since last meeting of Council

No 08/98/0189 - 2 non-illuminated advertisement signs - Finns Fine Furniture, 19 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (CONSENT GRANTED)

No 08/98/0431 - 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). Erection of dutch barn - Newarth Stables, Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK (REFUSED)

No 08/98/0098 - Siting of residential caravan for horticultural worker (renewal of permission No 08/92/1089) - Spencer Propagators, Boundary Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED to 31/05/2003)

No 08/98/0078 - Two storey extension at side & first floor extension at rear - Taywood Farm, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK (REFUSED)

No 08/98/0322 - Retention of 3 air conditioning condensing units on rear elevation - Midland Bank plc, Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Naming of Street

34/98 RESOLVED:- That the suggested name for the new development at The Brow, Hesketh Bank, 'Douglas View' be endorsed.

2. Repairs to street seats Mr B Parkinson had been asked to undertake work to the value of £281.50, which had been completed. Morris Homes had undertaken to pay for the cleaning and varnishing of the seat adjacent to the bus shelter by their site and the Clerk undertook to forward an account for their attention. Mr B Parkinson would supply an estimate for repairing and revarnishing the remaining seats following his return from holiday.

3. Site boundary of Morris Homes development, Station Road The hedge, which was the boundary of the site required cutting and the company had erected a fence behind the hedge. The Clerk was requested to advise Morris Homes and the District Council that the hedge was the responsibility of the company or whoever purchased the houses. In addition, there was a small strip of footway in front of the new wall near to The Brow which required to be covered with tarmac as soon as possible. The Clerk undertook to write to the company regarding this unsatisfactory situation.

4. Titmouse Brow The Clerk undertook to advise the County Council that two bars of the handrail were missing.

5. Mobility measures in Hesketh Bank The County Council had finance available to lower kerbs where side roads meet more major roads as an aid to persons with disabilities and had asked the Parish Council for suggestions. It was agreed that councillors would undertake appropriate consultations and look at the various areas of Hesketh Bank prior to the next meeting of the Council.

6. Footpath - Methodist Chapel to School Fold This was becoming overgrown with nettles and the Clerk undertook to advise the County Council accordingly.

7. School Fold Hedge This would be cut when the Council next arranges for its hedges to be cut.

8. Shore Road - Hedges and ditches It was reported that quantities of minerals were deposited under the hedgerows and in the ditches on Shore Road and the Clerk undertook to advise the County Council of the situation.

9. Greenfields/ Fairwinds Avenue Two of the fence panels which divided these two roads were broken and the Clerk undertook to advise the appropriate authority.

10. The Brow The Clerk undertook to request the District Council to use the rotary brush to clean the road at this location.

11. Road resurfacing The Clerk agreed to request the County Council to sweep up the loose chippings still on the roads following the recent resurfacing.

12. Litter Bins The District Council, due to reductions in expenditure, were only able to replace litter bins on land it owns or maintains.

13. Station Road Bridge Embankment

35/98 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee meet with Mr B Parkinson at the site to discuss possible ways forward prior to arranging a meeting with the Area County Surveyor.

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

1. Weedspraying Commenced on 01/06/98 and would be completed in two weeks using contact weedkillers.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

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

1. Removal of rubbish The District Council were ⁿot able to help with rubbish dumped on Parish Council owned land.

2. Recreation Ground It was noted that two wagons had driven across the Recreation Ground to deliver goods to an address in Belsfield Drive.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Councillor J R Foster raised the issue of dust and smells emanating from the chicken farm on Shore Road. It was suggested that this was a matter for the Environmental Health Department of the District Council

Councillor Foster also referred to the sewers at the top of Rankin Avenue which start to smell when the sewer dries out after rainfall. It was suggested that the District Council be advised the next time the smells occur.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

36/98 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 the Local Government Act 1972)

A. Items for Decision

1. Northern Boundary An order had been placed for the additional work and the Clerk undertook to chase up the contractor. The question put to the LAP&TC had been referred to the NALC in London.

2. Leases The Clerk was to meet the Council's Solicitor tomorrow morning and it was hoped that the Leases would be signed prior to the next meeting of the Council.

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HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 20th July, 1998 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; C Chadwick and J Witter

Messrs B Birkby; J R Foster; J Hunter; A Murphy and P J A Sergeant;

Two members of the public were present for part of the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs P M Stables

MINUTES

Mr J R Foster referred to page 4 of the Minutes and the item relating to Foreign Workers and asked if it was possible to report a statement made by a person who was not at the meeting. The Chairman indicated that she had reported a conversation with the local Police Officer and the Minutes reflected what he had told her about the situation.

Mr Foster, in relation to 'Repairs to street seats' on Page 4, also asked for clarification of what Morris Homes had been asked to pay for cleaning and varnishing the seat by their development and was advised of the amount.

37/98 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendments, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th June, 1998, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

1. Page 2 - Correspondence Item A2 - Line 2 '21998' to read '1998'
2. Page 5 - Recreation Ground etc Item B1 - Line 1 'mot' to read 'not'
3. Page 5 - Recreation Ground etc Item B2 - Line 1 delete 'a'

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. LAP&TC Training Course Ms Cindy Chadwick and Messrs Bob Foster and Tony Murphy had attended the recent course.

2. LAP&TC - West Lancs Area Committee AGM The Chairman reported on the meeting at which the Elections to the various offices and outside organisations had been made and a number of Parishes had given a brief report on their activities during the past year.

The following items were reported:- a speaker from the Post Office would be asked to attend a future meeting; Steve Kent of the District Council would write to all Parishes about Village Maps; Upholland Parish Council had prepared and printed some leaflets about footpaths in the Parish; a speaker from the LAP&TC would be available to visit Parishes to talk about the Millennium and ideas for celebrating same; and Downholland's second bid for lottery funding had been rejected which should free up funds for other Parishes with schemes for the current year.

3. Hesketh Bank Sign There was still no response from the County Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Lancashire Homes for Older People - Consultation Document

38/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this Consultation Document from the County Council.

2. Future Meeting of Council The Chairman reported that Hesketh-with-Becconsall CE School had advertised for a new Deputy Head and shortlisting, which involved three Parish Councillors including the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, would take place on the 28th September, 1998.

39/98 RESOLVED:- That the meeting of the Council scheduled for Monday, 28th September, 1998 be postponed until Tuesday, 29th September, 1998 at 7.30pm.

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. District Council Agendas - No items affecting this Parish
2. District Council - Members' Briefing Bulletin No 37 - Circulated to members
3. Lancashire County Council - Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2002 - Further amendments noted
4. Lancashire Police Authority - Police and Community Forum - meeting at Ormskirk Civic Hall on 20th July, 1998
5. Lancashire Constabulary - Road Safety Information - Copies were available for members
6. Appointment of Governors to Primary Schools - David Borrow MP had arranged a meeting with the Education Secretary on this issue
7. Local Council Review - July 1998 edition received

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

40/98 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

Mr B Parkinson - Flagging work etc at Recreation Ground £ 271.30✓

2. Application for Grant (Mesdames J Birkby & J Witter and Mr B Birkby as Trustees of Hesketh Village Institute declared an interest in this item)

Hesketh Village Institute had applied for a grant in kind by means of the purchase by the Council of some new tables to replace those owned by the ATC who were moving to new premises. The cost of 6 tables, excluding VAT would be £301.13 and an amount of £200 had been included in the estimates. The Clerk reported that the Council was currently in a sound financial position.

41/98 RESOLVED:- That the Council purchase 6 tables for the Hesketh Institute at a cost of £301.13 excluding VAT in lieu of the usual annual cash grant.

(This resolution was subject to the following vote:- FOR - 5 votes; AGAINST - 0 votes; ABSTAINED - 1 vote. The 3 Trustees took no part in the debate or the voting.)

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3. Application for Assistance (Mr P Sergeant declared an interest in this item)

Hesketh Bank Cricket Club had applied for assistance following the loss of their changing rooms through fire. Plans were currently being prepared for replacement changing rooms and the Council, as Landlords, would be formally notified when the plans were submitted to the District Council. The Council considered the various ways in which emergency assistance could be given to the Club and the Clerk reported on the current financial position of the Council.

42/98 RESOLVED:- That the Cricket Club be advised that the Council are prepared to grant emergency assistance to the Club in the form of the waiving of the outstanding rental for the use of the Cricket Field, in respect of 1997/98 and 1998/99, amounting to £414.
(This resolution was subject to the following vote:- FOR - 8 votes; AGAINST - 0 votes; ABSTAINED - 1 vote. Mr Sergeant took no part in the debate or the vote)

4. Annual Audit of Accounts 1997/98

The Clerk reported the completion of the Annual Audit of Accounts for the year 1997/98 and presented to the Council, the Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and the Supporting Statements, as approved by the Auditor.

43/98 RESOLVED:- That the audited Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and Supporting Statement in respect of the financial year 1997/98 be received and adopted.
(This resolution was subject to the following vote:- FOR - 8 votes; AGAINST - 0 votes; ABSTAINED - 1 vote)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The allocation of the shared ownership houses at The Brow and the remedial work to the Recreation Ground drains were raised by members of the public.

44/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to advise the Director of Housing of the District Council that the Parish Council is concerned that these shared houses are not going to local people as originally stated by the Housing Association, and to send a copy of the letter to the Chief Executive of the District Council.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists The following were considered:-

- a. No 08/98/0468 - Conversion of part of building to dwelling, including partial rebuilding - The Barn, 49a Becconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK This item was included on the agenda for the Development & Planning Committee on the 23rd July, 1998.
- b. No 08/98/0597 - Incorporation of land into residential curtilage - Land rear of 19 Becconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director of Development & Amenities)

45/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on this application.

2. Development & Planning Committee - 23rd July, 1998

46/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made in respect of the following applications:-

a. No 08/98/0237 - Amendment of condition No 6 imposed on Planning Permission 08/89/1226 to extend operating hours from 0830 - 1800 to 0730 - 2000 - 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION - GRANTED subject to:-

1. No activity shall take place on site outside the hours of 0730 to 1900
2. No HGV movements, running of engines or loading or unloading shall take place on the site before 0800
3. No more than one HGV shall leave the site between the hours of 0800 and 0830 on Sundays).

(Mrs J Witter declared an interest in this application and took no part in the debate)

b. No 08/98/0483 - New concrete loading area and resiting of office - 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK

Enforcement No E/98/24 - Extension of produce depot - 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION - 08/98/0483 - REFUSED; E/98/24 - Cease the use of land as extension to produce depot and remove all hardstanding/hardcore from the site)

(Mrs J Witter declared an interest in this application and took no part in the debate)

c. No 08/98/0434 - Replacement dwelling - Moon Farm, Hundred End Lane, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION - GRANTED)

d. No 08/98/0468 - Conversion of part of building to dwelling, including partial rebuilding - The Barn, 49a Becconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION - Decision to grant planning permission delegated to Director of Development & Amenities in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Development & Planning Committee subject to expiry of the publicity period and to no further points of objection being received other than those reported to the meeting).

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. Station Road - Planning Guidance for residential Development - 'Hourwatch' site
2. Applications determined since previous meeting
 - a. No 08/98/0281 - Reserved matters - Erection of one detached house (including revised details of means of access) - Land adjacent to 109 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (APPROVED)
 - b. No 08/98/0455 - Front porch - 49 Glenpark Drive, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - c. No 08/98/0474 - Single storey extension at front - Plumtree Cottage, Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Street Seats

a. Maintenance Programme

47/98 RESOLVED:- That an order be placed with Mr B Parkinson of Hesketh Bank for the repairs and varnishing of the remaining street seats at a cost of £ 292.00.

b. Seat adjacent to Morris Homes development The Clerk reported that Morris Homes had agreed to reimburse the Council with the sum of £30.00 in relation to the seat adjacent to their site.

2. Mobility Measures in Hesketh Bank

48/98 RESOLVED:- That the following locations be suggested to the County Council for mobility measures in the parish:-

Moss Lane/Station Road; Rankin Avenue/Station Road; Beconsall Lane/Station Road; Newarth Lane/Station Road; Chapel Road/Station Road (one side only)

3. Bus Shelter Hesketh Lane/Moss Lane It was reported that the bus stop had been moved and the shelter put into storage by Tarleton Parish Council. the shelter was used by many residents of Hesketh Bank especially schoolchildren and the elderly.

49/98 RESOLVED:- That a request be made to Tarleton Parish Council to replace the shelter at the new bus stop with the back near to the wall to prevent youths hiding unseen in the shelter at night.

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

1. Mud on roads - Letters from Burscough & Ormskirk Police Stations advising that appropriate action would be taken
2. Footpaths in Hesketh Bank - Details had been passed to the Public Rights of Way Section
3. The Brow Retaining Wall - Investigations ongoing, Clerk to advise the District Council that the Tidal Authorities may have some information as to ownership
4. Rural Public Transport Strategy for Lancashire - The Chairman was working on the questionnaire
5. Titmouse Brow - The handrail would be replaced
6. Loose chippings on roads - The carriageways had been swept and problem should have been resolved
7. Hedgerows and ditches - Rubbish etc at these locations was the responsibility of the adjacent landowners
8. Footpath - School Fold to Chapel Road - To be inspected and appropriate action taken
9. Station Road - Morris Homes development - the gap by the new wall was to be made good (the County Council to be advised of this response); the boundary is the centre of the hedgeline with the purchasers responsible for maintenance upto that point; the hedge would be cut back

10. Streetcleaning - The roadway by the Brow Wall to be inspected and remedial action taken
11. Fairwinds Avenue - Fence not the responsibility of the County Council or the District Council
12. Glenpark Drive Gullies - Weeds present but gully cleansing to be done on Tuesday and Wednesday this week

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Glenpark Drive Play Area The Director of Development & Amenities of the District Council had requested a meeting with representatives of the Parish Council to discuss the future of this area.

50/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That members of the Recreation Committee be authorised to meet officers of the District Council to discuss the future of the Play Area,

2. That, subject to the area being brought up to scratch by the District Council including the renewal of the tarmac areas, the Parish Council offer to take over responsibility for the Glenpark Drive Play Area, and

3. That, subject to the District Council providing the necessary safety surfacing, the Parish Council offer to provide a new slide on the Play Area.

2. Station Road Play Area - Embankment The Recreation Committee had met Mr B Parkinson on the site to discuss various options for the embankment and Mr Parkinson had now submitted estimates for 3 schemes. The County Council had cut back the grass on part of the embankment but, for the second year running, had not completed the job.

51/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That the County Council be requested to complete the grass cutting on the Station Road Embankment, and

2. That the estimates from Mr B Parkinson be submitted to the County Council for consideration with a recommendation that the Parish Council would wish to see option 3 implemented.

3. Centenary Sports Ground - Manhole Cover The Bowling and Social Club had reported a broken manhole cover at the entrance to the Sports Field.

52/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council be authorised to arrange for a new cover to be supplied and fitted.

4. Recreation Ground, Shore Road The drainage work had been completed and the contractor was preparing a plan of the drains.

It was reported that top soil and seeding were required to cover up the areas disturbed by the Contractor. The Hesketh bank Football Club were prepared to undertake the work if the Council would buy the top soil required.

53/98 RESOLVED:- That the Hesketh Bank Football Club be advised that the Parish Council will pay for the purchase of the necessary top soil for renovation work to the football pitch at an estimated cost of £ 150.00.

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5. Roundabout - Recreation Ground, Shore Road

54/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to request Mr Ian Yates to repair the safety surfacing under the roundabout at this location.

6. Litter Picking Mrs J Witter had received an offer for young people to undertake litter picking and was asked to obtain more information.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

55/98 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 the Local Government Act 1972)

A. Items for Decision

1. Northern Boundary The additional fencing work had been completed and a letter from the NALC was noted.

56/98 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council take the action recommended by NALC in relation to the Northern Boundary of the Centenary Sports Ground.

2. Leases (Mr P Sergeant declared an interest in this item)

The Chairman reported on a meeting between the Centenary Sports Ground Committee and the 3 Sports Clubs and the Clerk reported on further discussions with the Council's Solicitor. It was hoped that the leases would be signed immediately prior to the next meeting of the Council on the 1st September, 1998.

57/98 RESOLVED:- That the reports be noted.

*Nanna Goodes
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HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 1st September, 1998 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; C Chadwick; P M Stables and J Witter

Messrs B Birkby; J R Foster; A Murphy and P J A Sergeant;

One member of the press was present for part of the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr J Hunter.

MINUTES

Mr J R Foster referred to his comments about the Audit of the Accounts made at the last meeting and was advised that the Minutes were not a verbatim report of the meeting but a general note of the discussions together with the decisions taken by the Council.

58/98 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th July, 1998, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

POLICING IN HESKETH BANK (Inspector Janet Edmondson attended for this item)

Inspector J Edmondson gave a brief update on the current policing situation in Hesketh Bank and was pleased to report that Hesketh Bank was probably one of the safest places to live in Lancashire with most crime down on the corresponding period last year. One area which offices were giving specific attention to was the immediate response time to incidents but the times were not being achieved partly because of the distances involved in the Northern Parishes.

Inspector Edmondson reported that the local PC, Mark Thackery, had been promoted to Sergeant and was now based at Blackburn. He would still live in the area but had just moved out of the Police House. The vacancy would be advertised and would be filled at the earliest opportunity. The vacancy could be advertised with or without accommodation and there was a likelihood that if the successful applicant already lived in the area, the house would be sold off as approval in principle for the sale had been given by the Police Authority. The Police Houses at Rufford and Banks were being retained but a more central location was being sought for Tarleton Police Post.

A general discussion about policing in the area ensued and Inspector Edmondson confirmed that, under the Crime and Disorder Act, the Constabulary would be working with the District Council, Parish & Town Councils and other agencies to prepare plans aimed at reducing crime in the District. The Constabulary's own Policing Plan for 1999 was in the course of preparation and the Divisional Commander required details of issues to be included in the plan by the 21st September, 1998. Any issues which the Council particularly wished to see included should be forwarded to Inspector Edmondson, through the Clerk, by that date.

Inspector Edmondson was thanked for attending the meeting.

59/98 RESOLVED That the Clerk be requested to write to Sergeant Mark Thackery to thank him for his services to the village and wish him every success in his new post.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Village Sign The County Council could not justify expenditure on purely informatory signs but the Parish Council could fund a replacement sign if it so wished.

60/98 RESOLVED:- That the Director of Environmental Services be requested to supply estimates for the provision of 2 - Square Signs - HESKETH BANK - PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY, one for Hesketh Lane/Station Road and one for Shore Road.

2. Donation to Village Institute The order for the tables had been placed and acknowledged.

3. Hesketh Bank Cricket Club - Emergency Assistance The Club had been advised of the waiving of the outstanding rental and had thanked the Council at the meeting held immediately prior to this meeting.

4. Audit of Accounts The Notice of Completion of Audit and a copy of the Accounts had been on the Moss Lane Notice Board for 14 days as requested by the Auditor.

5. Shared Ownership of Properties in Hesketh Bank Letters from the Chief Executive and the Director of Housing and Health of the District Council were noted.

6. Maintenance of Street Seats The quotation from Mr B Parkinson had been accepted and he had subsequently advised the Clerk of an additional seat on Shore Road.

61/98 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk, in authorising the additional seat being added to the schedule of seats to be repaired, be confirmed.

7. Bus Stop & Shelter - Hesketh Lane/Moss Lane Tarleton Parish Council were meeting tonight.

8. Next Meeting of the Council It was reported that the Village Hall was not available for the meeting scheduled for the 29th September, 1998.

62/98 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to ask the Warden of Cropper Gardens if it would be possible to hold the next meeting of the Council in the Communal Lounge at Cropper Gardens.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. LAP&TC

a. Training Course - Planning - 26th September, 1998 None of the Councillors expressed an interest in attending this course.

b. Annual General Meeting of Association - 7th November, 1998

63/98 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Mrs J Birkby be nominated to attend the AGM of the LAP&TC.

2. Parish Newsletter It was reported that Mrs D Trippier had forwarded her thanks for including information about the Good Neighbour Scheme in the latest edition.

64/98 RESOLVED:- That a Vote of Thanks be extended to Mr Paul Sergeant for printing the Newsletter.

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

1. District Council Agendas
2. District Council Members' Briefing Bulletin No 38
3. Summary of District Council's Corporate Plan 1998/99
4. District Council's Homeseeker's Newsletter
5. District Council's Home Front News
6. NALC Press Release - Decision of House of Lords to retain the right of Town & Parish Councils to nominate a Governor for the Primary School Governing Bodies in their area.
7. CCL Newsletter
8. Russell Leisure Ltd - Closure of factory at Skelmersdale and transfer of all operations to Edinburgh

65/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That in respect of the Agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the West Lancashire Rights of Way and Access Forum on the 13th October, 1998, Mr J R Foster, the Council's representative, be authorised to submit a suggestion for discussion that finger posts identifying footpaths be replaced by an arrow marked on the road, and

2. That the NALC Press Release, regarding appointments to Governing Bodies of Primary Schools, be welcomed.

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

66/98 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

a.	David Ward - Cleaning Bus Shelters	£ 240.00
b.	Autocross - Painting Shelter - Chapel Road	£ 176.25
c.	Hesketh Bank AFC - Top Soil Etc.	£ 158.60
d.	Ernst & Young - Audit Fee	£ 195.05
e.	GR & W Heaps - Drainage Work on Recreation Ground	£ 5869.60
f.	B Parkinson - Repairs to Street Seats	£ 320.00

2. Application for Grants

67/98 RESOLVED:- That the following applications be deferred to later in the Financial Year:-

1. West Lancashire Victims Support
2. Lancashire Youth Clubs Association
3. West Lancashire Heritage Centre Project

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present

PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

68/98 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made of the following applications:-

- a. No 08/98/0632 - Retention of cabin for pigeon racing - Recreation Ground, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director) (N.B. The Statutory Notice to be served on the Parish Council as owners of the site had been served on the District Council in error but a notice was to be served on the Parish Council)
- b. No 08/98/0688 - Erection of detached double garage and dormer extension in rear elevation - 126 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- c. No 08/98/0711 - First floor extension at rear - 76 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- d. No 08/98/0733 - Conservatory at rear - 99 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- e. No 08/98/0739 - Retention of mobile caravan serving refreshments on football match days (renewal of planning permission 08/97/0826) - Hesketh Bank Sports Ground, Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director) (N.B. The Statutory Notice had been served on the Parish Council as owners of the site)
- f. No 08/98/0744 - Conservatory at rear - 35 Becconsall lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director);

2. That consideration be given, at the appropriate time, to including comments about the current state of Moss Road, and other moss roads in the Parish, on applications for development along those roads.

2. Development & Planning Committee - 3rd September, 1998

There were no items affecting this Parish.

3. Appeals

69/98 RESOLVED:- That the following appeals be supported on the grounds that the granting of planning permission for the development would improve road safety in the area and Local Planning Authorities should perhaps give more consideration to local views:-

- Land adjacent to 20 Shore Road & 6 Guide Road - Appeals against Enforcement Notices
Public Inquiry to be held Tuesday, 20th October, 1998.

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

1. Applications determined since last meeting:-
 - No 08/98/0434 - Replacement dwelling - Moon Farm, Hundred End Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
 - No 08/98/0237 - Amendment of condition No 6 imposed on planning permission 08/89/1226 to extend operating hours from 0830 hrs to 1800 hrs to 0730 hrs to 1900 hrs - 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)