

## HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 26th April, 1999 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter

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

No members of the public were present.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs P M Stables and Messrs R C Ball and P J A Sergeant

### MINUTES

209/98 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th March, 1999, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Membership of Council Ms C Chadwick had handed a letter of resignation to the Clerk this evening and the vacancy would now be advertised.
2. West Lancashire Environmental Network The Clerk had invited a speaker to attend a future meeting of the Council. The Council had yet to appoint a representative to attend meetings of the Network and the date of the AGM of the Network was not yet known.
3. LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee - 9th April, 1999 The following items had been discussed:-
  - a. Rural Transport Strategy - The Notice Board for this Parish was ready and a location was required. The Clerk had already advised the County Council that the corner of Moss Lane would be a suitable site and the Chairman had also suggested that site at the LAP&TC meeting. It had also been decided to run a bus from Hesketh Bank to Ormskirk via Tarleton and Rufford which would have wheelchair access. North Meols Parish Council had asked if the bus could start in Banks and that was under discussion. In addition, a suggestion for a circular route around the northern parishes was also under consideration.
  - b. Lottery Funding for the Millennium - Parish Councils could now apply in their own right subject to meeting the special criteria for such grants.
  - c. Presentation at AGM of Area Committee - Parishes had been asked if they wished to give a verbal presentation at the AGM of the Committee, lasting about 5 minutes. A decision could be taken at the next meeting of the Council.
4. Record of Councillors - Calligraphy Mrs P Stables was not present and the Chairman knew of someone as well. The issue was deferred to the next meeting.
5. Tarleton Parish Council The new Clerk, Mrs J A Sutton, had written to introduce herself.

6. Village Signs The Clerk has chased these up with the County Council.

7. Seismic Testing - River Estuary It was indicated that this covered the same area that had been tested previously but the Vice-Chairman confirmed that the current application was specific to petroleum.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. WL District Council - Corporate Plan - Consultation Draft

210/99 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the Consultation Draft of the District Council's Corporate Plan.

2. Newburgh Parish Council - Civic Service - 16th May, 1999 The invitation was handed to the Chairman who would reply nearer the time.

### B. Items to Note (PC Graham Wilson attended for Item 6)

The following items were noted:-

1. District Council - Committee Agendas - Mr J R Foster would be attending the West Lancashire Rights of Way and Access Forum on the 27th April, 1999
2. District Council - Members' Briefing Bulletin No 45
3. District Council - Sustainable Strategy
4. District Council - Revenue Budget & Capital Programme 1999/2000
5. District Council - Home Front News - Spring 1999
6. Lancashire Constabulary - Problems in Village The Police were aware of increased juvenile nuisance and damage to various buildings and were taking action to try to alleviate these problems. Residents were urged to report all incidents to the Police so that they could build up a picture of what was happening in the village and when.
7. Millennium Festival Awards Updated information on awards was passed to the Secretary of the Millennium Committee.

## FINANCE

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Accounts for Payment

211/98 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

David Ward Cleaning Services - Cleaning bus shelters - /£ 120.00

#### 2. Hesketh Bank Good Neighbour Scheme - Rental of Village Hall for AGM

212/98 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council pay the rental for the hire of the Village Institute for the AGM of the Good Neighbour Scheme at a cost of £15.00

3. Hesketh Bank Millennium Project

a. Start-up Funds A request had been made for the Parish Council to provide some start up funds for the Millennium Committee towards the cost of a fund raising weekend to be held in July 1999. The main expense was the hire of a marquee for 3 days. A lengthy discussion took place on the venue for the event and also the future plans for the Village Institute.

213/98 RESOLVED:- A. That it be suggested to the Millennium Committee that the events on the weekend in July 1999 be held in the Village Institute thereby saving the hire costs for a marquee,

B. That the request for start up funds towards the cost of the weekend be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council, and

C. That the Clerk be authorised to seek the advice of the LAP&TC as to whether the money set aside for the provision of additional sports facilities in the village could be transferred towards the cost of a new Village Hall as it appeared to be unlikely that additional land for sports facilities would become available.

b. Future Maintenance and Insurance

214/98 RESOLVED:- That this item be deferred until more information as to the chosen project is available.

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

1. Receipts West Lancashire District Council - 1st Payment of Precept  
- £ 7,500.00

2. Acknowledgements The following donations had been acknowledged:-  
a. West Lancashire Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme  
b. Lancashire Youth Clubs Association  
c. Victim Support - West Lancashire  
d. All Saints Church - Copy of latest accounts received

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present

**PLANNING MATTERS**

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

215/98 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/99/0318 - Detached dwelling house - Land adjacent Shore Road Barn, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)
- b. No 08/99/0293 - Agricultural storage building and alterations to existing access - 296 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- c. No 08/99/0351 - Single storey extension at side (including garage) linked to dwelling - 144B Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

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- d. No 08/99/0374 - Outline - Detached bungalow and garage and erection of detached garage to serve No 24 Moss Lane (including details of siting and access) - 24 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)
  - e. No 08/99/0094 - Consideration of details for prior approval - Excavation works - Land at Hesketh Bank Marsh, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
  - f. No 08/99/0366 - Reserved matters - Detached house and integral garage - 52 Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
2. Development & Planning Committee - 29th April, 1999

216/98 RESOLVED:- That no further comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/99/0244 - Single storey rear extension to shop - 15 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED) - Mr J R Foster declared an interest in this item.
- b. No 08/99/0227 - County Matter - Acquisition of seismic data using vibroseis and dynamite sources - River Estuary and adjacent embankments (Recommendation - NO OBJECTION subject to compliance with requirements of English Nature and certain conditions)

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

1. Dropped kerbs The Clerk undertook to ask the County Council what was happening to the proposals for mobility measures suggested last year.
2. Sumps in road The Clerk undertook to report sumps in the following locations:- O/S 50 Station Road; By bus stop adjacent to Rankin Avenue; By All Saints Church Hall; O/S 11/11A/11B/11C Shore Road; O/S 47 Shore Road
3. Bus Shelter - O/S All Saints Church, Station Road

217/98 RESOLVED:- A. That Autocross be requested to again replace the glass panel which had been removed by youths sitting on the seat and kicking at the panel, and

B. That Mr B Parkinson be asked to move the seat from behind the bus shelter to the Recreation Ground adjacent to the play equipment.

4. Lancashire's Local Transport Plan - Consultation Questionnaires were handed to members of the Council and Mr B Birkby undertook to place copies in the local shops.

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

1. Surface Dressing, Shore Road The Area County Surveyor maintained that the surface laid in 1997 was still alright whilst that laid in 1991 was to be redone this summer.
2. Waiting Restrictions - Station Road/Moss Lane/Mill Lane The County Council Committee had approved the scheme. The works would be undertaken, the Order sealed and brought into effect.
3. Bus Stop - Hesketh Lane/Mill Lane, Tarleton Tarleton Parish Council had decided not to replace the shelter at this stop. The Clerk was asked to inform Tarleton Parish Council that this Council is dismayed they have bowed to pressure from vandalism

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## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Recreation Ground, Shore Road

##### a. Flooding

218/98 RESOLVED:- That Members of the Recreation Committee inspect the flooding individually and report back to a future meeting of the Council.

##### b. Holes near Roundabout

219/98 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be asked to fill the holes by the roundabout on the Recreation Ground.

#### 2. Glenpark Drive

a. Transfer from District Council A date for the meeting with representatives of the District Council which was convenient to the Parish Council was still awaited.

#### 3. Station Road Play Area

##### a. Flooding

220/98 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be asked to undertake remedial action to the ground by the seat .

#### 4. Centenary Sports Ground

##### a. Manhole cover

221/98 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be asked to supply and fit a new concrete manhole cover and provide some means of protecting the cover from vehicles.

## RINGMASTER INFORMATION SYSTEM

222/98 RESOLVED:- That details of the system be noted but no action be taken on this issue at this time.

## DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

223/98 RESOLVED:- A. That meetings of the Parish Council be held on the following dates, commencing at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated:-

Monday, 24th May, 1999 (At 7.00pm)  
Monday, 19th July, 1999  
Monday, 27th September, 1999  
Monday, 22nd November, 1999  
Monday, 31st January, 2000  
Monday, 27th March, 2000

Monday, 21st June, 1999  
Wednesday, 1st September, 1999  
Monday, 25th October, 1999  
Tuesday, 4th January, 2000  
Monday, 28th February, 2000  
Monday, 24th April, 2000

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B. That the Annual Parish Assembly be held on Monday, 24th May, 1999 at 8.00pm (Parish Council meeting to be adjourned and re-convened after Assembly if necessary)

#### HEALTH AND SAFETY

The question of the inspection of play equipment was raised and it was indicated that Mr B Birkby inspected the equipment on a weekly basis with action taken by the Parish Council to rectify faults when required.

#### PARISH INVENTORY

Mr J R Foster asked if a copy of the Parish Inventory was available and it was suggested by other Councillors that a list of land, equipment etc held or owned by the Council was not required. A proposal by Mr Foster for a list to be prepared did not find a seconder.

#### EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

224/98 RESOLVED:- That the press and members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph 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)

Leases The latest advice from the Council's Solicitor was noted.

225/98 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested approach the NALC for further advice regarding the leases for the Sports Clubs using the Centenary Sports Ground.

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19/7/99*

## HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING 1999

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 24th May, 1999 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; P M Stables and J Witter

Messrs B Birkby; J R Foster and J Hunter

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

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors A Murphy and P J A Sergeant.

### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

01/99 RESOLVED:- That Councillor Mrs N Goodier be elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 1999/2000.

### DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chairman made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman of the Council.

### APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

02/99 RESOLVED:- That Councillor J Hunter be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 1999/2000.

### MINUTES

The Clerk reported that, because his word processor was in for repair, the Minutes of the previous meeting were not available.

03/99 RESOLVED:- That consideration of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th April, 1999 be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

04/99 RESOLVED:- That consideration of any matters arising from the previous meeting of the Council be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. West Lancashire District Council - Community Safety Challenge Fund  
Brief details had been received and it was agreed that more information was required and there was a need to discuss the fund with representatives of the Police.

2. West Lancashire Environmental Network - AGM This would be held on Saturday, 19th June, 1999 at Skelmersdale Arts Centre from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

05/99 RESOLVED:- That Councillor J R Foster be authorised to represent the Council at the AGM of the West Lancashire Environmental Network.

3. West Lancashire Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme - AGM This would be held on Monday, 19th July, 1999 at Derby Day Centre, Ormskirk at 7.30pm. This was the date of a future meeting of the Parish Council.

06/99 RESOLVED:- That the Scheme be advised that the Parish Council are unable to be represented at the AGM.

4. Local Council Advisory Service - Health & Safety Seminars 1999 The nearest was at Winsford on the 15th June, 1999 but although the subjects were Safety in Playgrounds and Skateboard Parks and Safety at Organised Events, it was felt that the cost, at £ 50 + VAT per person, was too expensive.

5. CCTV Scheme - Ormskirk Town Centre A presentation was to be made at West Lancashire District Council Offices on Friday, 4th June, 1999 but no-one was able to attend.

6. Various Items in Parish Councillor A Murphy had reported, by letter, a number of issues as follows:-

a. Recreation Ground, Shore Road

i. Safety Surfacing by Swings

07/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to place an order with Mr Ian Yates for the repair of the safety surfacing.

ii. Seat - School Fold side of ground

08/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to place an order with Mr B Parkinson to replace the missing slat and varnish the seat.

iii. Path alongside Belsfield Drive There were still flooding problems on this path.

09/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to contact Mr Paul Taylor to investigate the flooding at this location and to arrange for the Recreation Committee, plus Councillor P Sergeant, to discuss the recommendations of Mr Taylor.

iv. Dog Bins

10/99 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be requested to replace the dog bin located at the top of the slope on the School Fold side and to empty the dog bins on a more regular basis.

b. Centenary Sports Ground - Manhole Cover When replacing the cover, it had been seen that a concrete block had been wedged inside the shaft. The Council were told of the problems encountered by the Vice-Chairman of the Council and Councillors B Birkby and Mrs J Witter in trying to get the District Council to clear the shaft.

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11/99 RESOLVED:- A. That the actions of the Vice-Chairman of the Council and Councillors B Birkby and Mrs J Witter in arranging for the District Council to clear the manhole shaft, be confirmed, and

B. That the Clerk be authorised to write to the Chief Executive of the District Council to complain about the attitude of the staff of the District Council over the requests for the manhole to be cleared.

7. County Council The Clerk was asked to again chase up the Village Signs.

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

1. District Council

- a. Agendas No items affecting this Parish
- b. Members' Briefing Bulletin No 46 This had been circulated to Members.
- c. The Brow Wall, Station Road Action was being taken against the owner of the land, the owner of the wall was still to be determined.
- d. Litter Bins and Bottle Bank Litter bins - rusting bins can be refurbished, Bottle bank - suggestions for siting would be investigated
- e. Canal and Countryside Walks & Beacon Country Park Events  
Leaflets received

2. County Council

- a. Bus Stop Plates and Timetable Information Bus stop plates - To be replaced, Timetable cases - looking at possibility of increasing number of cases in Parish.
- b. Grass Verges - Chapel Road The contractor was being asked to attend to these.
- c. Heritage Conservation in Lancashire Brochure received.
- d. Right to Roam Legislation No registered common land in this Parish.

3. Local Council Review and Clerks & Councils Direct May editions

4. LAP&TC Spring Newsletter

5. Various Issues reported by Councillor A Murphy

- a. Seat The seat from outside All Saints Church had been moved to the Recreation Ground, by the slide, but moved back again, presumably by young people.
- b. Large hole near roundabout Had been filled in.

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- c. School Fold Hedge Cutting had commenced.
- d. Chapel Road/Delta Park Drive Litter bin replaced

FINANCE

A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Accounts for Payment

12/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Cornhill Insurance - Insurance premium / £ 268.14
- b. LAP&TC - Annual subscription / £ 309.68
- c. Mr B Parkinson - Various works / £ 132.00

2. That Cornhill Insurance be requested to amend the cover from 14 bus shelters and 8 street seats to 14 bus shelters and 16 street seats.

2. Millennium Project - Start-Up Funds

13/99 RESOLVED:- That a donation of £ 150.00 be made to the Millennium Committee as Start-Up funds towards the millennium celebrations. (The voting on this proposal was:- FOR - 4 votes, AGAINST - 0 votes, ABSTAINED - 3 votes)

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

The meeting re-convened at 9.08pm with Councillor P Sergeant also in attendance.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

14/99 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/99/0450 - New vehicular access - Land between Lodge Farm & Ashleigh, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK
- b. No 08/99/0419 - Replacement detached house & garage - 29 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK
- c. No 08/99/0425 - Erection of implement storage & livestock building - 'Jaydon', Guide Road, HESKETH BANK
- d. No 08/99/0468 - Single storey extension at rear - 12 Beconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK

2. Development & Planning Committee - 27th May, 1999

15/99 RESOLVED:- That no comment be made on the following application:-

No 08/99/0210 - Detached bungalow - Land at rear of 126 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED)

B. ITEMS TO NOTE The following were noted:-

1. West Lancashire Local Plan Latest modifications
2. Applications determined
  - a. No 08/99/0258 - Replacement greenhouse block for horticultural use - Wedgewood, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
  - b. No 08/99/0244 - Single storey rear extension to shop - 15 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
  - c. No 08/99/0351 - Single storey extension at side (including garage) linked to dwelling - 144B Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
  - d. No 08/99/0257 - Portacabin to be used as an office - 330 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

DOMESDAY BOOK

It was reported that a person would be happy to do the necessary calligraphy free of charge and this item would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council

*Nanna Seodis  
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## HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 19th July, 1999 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter

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

IN ATTENDANCE:- Carol Latham, Development Officer, West Lancashire Environmental Network and Inspector Janet Edmondson, Lancashire Constabulary

One member of the public were present for part of the meeting.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs P Stables

### WEST LANCASHIRE ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

Carol Latham, Development Officer of the Network, spoke about the work of the Network and said she was interested in listening to ideas as to how the Network could assist members. The Network was established in 1996, now had 98 members and helped member organisations with projects.

The Network had obtained Lottery funding for 2 paid officers and to produce a Newsletter, 3 times a year. Monthly updates of the newsletter were circulated to Members and finance was available to move to a new office next year.

Messrs J Hunter and P J A Sergeant arrived at this point in the meeting.

The Network provided free training courses for members and assisted members in fundraising. It was also looking to update the Green Connections Directory.

In response to questions, Carol Latham said that the Network was looking at providing training on running fundraising events, including the organisation required and how to encourage the media to publicise and attend such events and would assist an organisation to find funding and promote such items as leaflets for walkers etc. Carol also indicated that the Network had not been involved with schools to date but this was an area that she was keen to address.

The Chairman thanked Carol Latham for attending the meeting.

Mrs J Witter arrived at this point in the meeting.

### POLICING IN HESKETH BANK

Inspector Janet Edmondson reported that PC Graham Wilson had now been appointed as the new Local Beat Officer but was currently sharing duties with the Banks and Tarleton Officers. She expected him to take over duties completely at the end of August. There was a need to find a replacement for the response car for the Northern Parishes. She also reported that the Constabulary were actively pursuing joining the

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Fire Service in using the Fire Station on Hesketh Lane as a base. There had been a joint exercise on Hesketh Marsh last week.

Inspector Edmondson gave a run down of the latest crime figures for the area which were most encouraging. In regard to juvenile nuisance, there had been 6 reported incidents in the last 4 weeks and 5 incidents of motor cycle nuisance in the same period, probably all involving the same motor cycle. Action was being taken against both types of incident.

In response to questions, Inspector Edmondson indicated that PC Wilson would undertake foot patrols in the village when the opportunity was there and it was considered to be most appropriate and that all leave had been cancelled for New Years Eve with staffing levels in excess of normal New Years Eve cover. She confirmed that the Northern Parishes would not be neglected on New Years Eve.

Inspector Edmondson again urged people to report incidents when they happened so that the Police could build up a picture of crime and nuisance in the area. She undertook to let the Clerk have the telephone number for crime information which was updated regularly by the Crime Prevention Officer. The number is 01695 566178.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Janet Edmondson for attending the meeting.

#### MINUTES

16/99 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meetings held on the 26th April, 1999 and 24th May, 1999 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

##### A. Meeting held on 26th April, 1999

1. Mobility Measures The work not done in 1998/99, including works in Hesketh Bank had been carried forward to 1999/2000.

2. Drainage The areas highlighted by the Council would be checked by the County Council.

3. Bus Shelter - Hesketh Lane/Mill Lane, Tarleton An explanation from Tarleton Parish Council was noted and it was reported that Tarleton Parish Council had held a site meeting to identify a new location for the shelter. It was also said that the Double yellow lines at Hesketh Lane/Moss Lane would be done in the near future.

17/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to write to the County Council, with a copy to Tarleton Parish Council, requesting that the shelter is replaced as a matter of urgency.

4. Glenpark Drive Play Area The meeting with the District Council had now been fixed for Monday, 9th August, 1999 at 9.30am at Ormskirk.

18/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Councillors Mrs J Witter and B Birkby and the Clerk be appointed to represent the Parish Council at the meeting.

5. Allotments Mr J R Foster asked about the ownership of the allotments. The Clerk reported on lengthy correspondence some 20 years ago which

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had failed to disclose the owner of the land. Mr Foster understood a hospital in Blackburn was the owner and the Clerk confirmed that the hospital had been approached but had declined to get involved. In answer to another question, the Chairman confirmed that the Allotments Committee were aware of buildings on the land which were used for keeping implements and equipment.

B. Meeting held on 24th May, 1999 There were no items raised from this meeting.

#### VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Clerk indicated that no applications had been received as a result of the advertisement placed on the Notice Boards. It was now in order for existing Members of the Council to approach people whom they felt may be interested in serving on the Council.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

##### 1. Recreation Committee

19/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Chairman, Mrs P Stables, Mrs J Witter, Mr B Birkby and Mr A Murphy be appointed to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year, and

2. That Mr A Murphy be authorised to carry out weekly inspections of the play equipment as set down by the Insurance Company.

##### 2. Allotments Committee

20/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Mrs J Witter, Mr R Ball, Mr A Murphy and Mr P Sergeant be appointed to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year.

##### 3. Footpaths, Tree Wardens and Environmental Issues Committee

21/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Mrs P Stables, Mr R Ball, Mr J R Foster and Mr J Hunter be appointed to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year.

##### 4. Centenary Sports Ground Committee

22/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mrs J Witter, Mr B Birkby and Mr A Murphy be appointed to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year.

##### 5. Millennium Committee

23/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mr B Birkby, Mr A Murphy and Mr P Sergeant be appointed to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year.

#### APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

24/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following appointments be made for the ensuing year:-

a. LAP&TC Chairman, Vice-Chairman and 1 vacancy

- b. Hesketh Village Institute Mr P Sergeant
- c. Lancashire Playing Fields Association Mr P Sergeant
- d. Council for Protection of Rural England The Chairman
- e. West Lancashire Environmental Network Mr J R Foster
- f. West Lancashire Rights of Way Committee Mr J R Foster

2. That the following change be made on representation for the ensuing year:-

Hesketh-with-Becconsall CE School The Chairman to replace the Vice-Chairman as the Parish Council's representative.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### A. Items for Decision

1. LCC Education Department - Draft School Organisational Plan 1999/2004 The Chairman undertook to try to read the document before the next meeting.

2. Awards for All - Millennium Festival Lottery Grants - Information Day - 17th August 1999

25/99 RESOLVED:- That the invitation to attend be declined.

3. LCC - The Future of Municipal Waste Management in Lancashire Mr B Birkby undertook to try to read the document before the next meeting.

4. WLDC - Reception for Parishes and Clergy - 16th September, 1999

26/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be appointed to represent the Council at the Reception.

5. LAP&TC - Training Day - Finance - 25th September, 1999

27/99 RESOLVED:- That consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

6. Lancashire Handbook

28/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to purchase a copy of the Lancashire Handbook at a cost of £/6.50 plus updates at a cost of £/5.00.

7. LAP&TC

a. Clerk's Contract It was stated that all Clerks should have a contract of employment.

29/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to prepare a draft Contract of Employment for consideration by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council.

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b. Great War Records A letter had been handed to each Council regarding the commemoration of persons who gave their lives for their country in various wars.

30/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to copy the letter to each Councillor and the issue be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

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

1. District Council Committee Agendas
2. District Council Members' Briefing Bulletins Nos 47 & 48
3. LCC Waste Management Strategy for Lancashire - Introduction
4. LAP&TC

a. West Lancashire Area Committee - The Chairman reported on the meeting when the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Hon. Secretary of the Committee had been re-appointed with a new Hon. Secretary required next year. A number of Parishes gave reports on achievements during the year. A course was to be run for New and Advanced Clerks and the dates of the Spring Conference had been announced.. A number of complaints had been made about weeds and weedspraying.

b. Various circulars and information - Details of millennium memorabilia were handed to the Chairman

5. Lancashire Playing Fields AGM - This had been held whilst the representative of the Council was on holiday

6. Various Publications

7. Seismic Survey - Details had been received which did not appear to affect this Parish

8. Millennium Merchandise - Details passed to the Chairman

## FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

31/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following accounts be paid:-

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| a. | Zurich Municipal Insurance - Playground Insurance         | / £ 249.85 |
|    |   | £ 2.89     |
| b. | Yates Playgrounds - Repairs to safety surfacing           | / £ 55.22  |
| c. | LAP&TC - Balance of contribution to Area Secretary        | / £ 3.00   |
| d. | B Parkinson Esq - Repairs to seat (Alongside School Fold) | £ 46.90    |
| e. | Village Institute - Hire of Village Institute 199/2000    | / £ 180.00 |

2. That, in respect of the following account, a breakdown of the costs be requested as the amount was well in excess of the estimate given, and the amount requested, on the day the work was undertaken:-

West Lancashire District Council - Clear blocked drain £ 88.01

2. Application for Grant

32/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following application for grant be approved:-

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Hesketh Village Institute

£ 200.00

2. That the following application for grant be deferred to later in the financial year:-

West Lancashire Victim Support

3. Moss Lane Notice Board The Clerk reported that the Moss Lane Notice Board cover was missing and he had asked Mr B Parkinson to carry out necessary repairs. Mr J R Foster indicated that he had the cover at home and Mr A Murphy was asked to advise Mr Parkinson accordingly.

33/99 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk in authorising repairs to the Moss Lane Notice Board be confirmed.

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

Annual Audit - To be held in September/October 1999

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr A Fowler raised the following issues:-

Fences/boundaries on new estates; Parish Wards; Allotments

## PLANNING MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

34/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the action of the Clerk in making no comments on the following applications be confirmed:-

- a. No 08/99/0493 Conservatory at side - 160 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)
- b. No 08/99/0506 Conservatory at rear - 7 Chapel Gardens, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/98/0998 Outline - Erection of one detached dwelling (including details of siting and means of access) - Land adjacent 27 Granville Avenue, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee) - Amended application - Proposed number of dwellings reduced from 4 to 1 and application site reduced in size.
- b. No 08/99/0664 Erection of barn for storage of hay and straw - Hesketh Lodge, Dib Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. Planning & Development Committee - 22nd July, 1999

There were no items in this Parish

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B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

Applications determined since last meeting:-

- a. 08/99/0366 Reserved matters - Detached house and integral garage - 52 Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- b. 08/99/0293 Agricultural storage building and alterations to existing access - 296 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- c. 08/99/0210 Detached bungalow - Land rear of 126 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- d. 08/99/0419 Replacement of detached house and garage - 29 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- e. 08/99/0425 Erection of implement storage and livestock building - Jaydon, Guide Road, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- f. 08/99/0468 Single storey extension at rear - 12 Becconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- g. E/98/0024 Appeal against enforcement notice - 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPEAL DISMISSED, enforcement notice upheld (as varied) and planning permission refused.
- h. 08/99/0374 Outline - Detached bungalow and garage and erection of a detached garage to serve No 24 Moss Lane (including details of siting and access) - 24 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - REFUSED
- i. 08/99/0506 Conservatory at rear - 7 Chapel Gardens, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- j. 08/99/0493 Conservatory at side - 160 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Maintenance of Bus Shelters The Clerk reported the receipt of a quotation from Autocross for the maintenance of the bus shelters.

35/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to speak to the contractor about the possibility of reducing the cost of the work.

2. School Fold Hedge The work had not been completed.

36/99 RESOLVED:- That Mr A Murphy was authorised to try and get the work done by another contractor.

3. Street Seats

37/99 RESOLVED:- That Mr A Murphy be authorised to place an order with Mr B Parkinson to move the seat from the bus shelter outside All Saints Church to the corner of Becconsall Lane and to concrete the seat into the ground to stop it being moved.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

### A. Items for Decision

#### Recreation Ground - Various Works

38/99 RESOLVED:- That the Recreation Committee be requested to inspect the recreation facilities and bring forward a list of suggested works to a future meeting.

### B. Items to Note

1. Recreation Ground - Flooding The Chair was to chase Paul Taylor for his advice.
2. Station Road Play Area The dumping of rubbish had been reported to the District Council.
3. Centenary Sports Ground The cutting of the hedge was in hand.
4. Grasscutting Mr B Parkinson had asked to be included on the list of Contractors invited to quote for grasscutting.

## ALLOTMENTS

39/99 RESOLVED:- That the Allotments Committee be requested to inspect the allotments and bring forward a list of suggested works to a future meeting.

## PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Clerk reported that the money currently in the Council's Deposit Account for the provision of additional sports facilities could be utilised to support the provision of indoor sports facilities in the Village Institute.

## MILLENNIUM

It was suggested that a garden competition for residents of the Parish be held and Mr A Murphy undertook to get some information on organising and judging such a competition.

40/99 RESOLVED:- That a meeting of the Millennium Committee be held after the next meeting of the Parish Council to bring to the Council suggestions for ways in which the Millennium should be celebrated in the Parish.

## EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

41/99 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. Item to Note The following was noted:-

Leases - The Clerk was still awaiting a response from NALC.

*Nanna Goodwin  
11/9/99*

## HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 1st September, 1999 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mrs P M Stables

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

Two members of the public were present at the start of the meeting.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter and Mr B Birkby.

### MINUTES

42/99 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th July, 1999 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Glenpark Drive Play Area Meeting The Chairman had cancelled the arranged meeting due to pressure of work and suggested dates were now awaited from the District Council.

2. Draft School Organisational Plan 1999/2004 The Chairman had not been able to read through this document.

3. Contract for Clerk The Clerk reported that he had the matter in hand. Mr J R Foster asked about the payment of Income Tax and National Insurance by the Clerk and was advised of the current position. Mr Foster still felt that the Council should be making deductions in respect of these items and that the Clerk should receive an itemised pay slip.

43/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to obtain the advice of the LAP&TC regarding the payment of Income Tax and National Insurance by the Clerk.

### VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR

Mr J Devine and Mr L Greenwood were interested in taking the vacancy and both briefly addressed the Council.

As result of a ballot, Mr Devine received 3 votes and Mr Greenwood 4 votes whereupon it was:-

44/99 RESOLVED:- That Mr L Greenwood be co-opted to serve on the Parish Council for a period expiring in May 2000.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. WL District - Northern Parishes Bus Focus Group

45/99 RESOLVED:- That Councillor J Hunter be authorised to attend the inaugural meeting of the Northern Parishes Bus Focus Group at Mere Brow Methodist Church Hall on Tuesday, 14th September 1999 at 7.30pm.

#### 2. Public Rights of Way & Access Seminar

46/99 RESOLVED:- That Councillor J R Foster be authorised to attend the Public Rights of Way and Access Seminar at County Hall, Preston on Saturday, 13th November 1999 at 9.30am.

#### 3. Affiliation Fee from LAP&TC to NALC - Future Level

47/99 RESOLVED:- That the Council support the LAP&TC in its opposition to the proposed level of affiliation fees to the NALC.

4. LAP&TC - Seminar on Finance - 25 September 1999 No-one was able to attend this seminar.

#### 5. LAP&TC - AGM

48/99 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council be authorised to attend the AGM of the LAP&TC at County Hall, Preston on Saturday, 6th November 1999 at 10.00am.

#### 6. Ormskirk, Preston & Southport Travellers' Association (OPSTA)

49/99 RESOLVED:- That the consideration of the invitation to take up corporate membership of OPSTA be deferred until the Vice-Chairman is able to make some enquiries regarding the organisation.

#### 7. Wildlife and Landscape Forum

50/99 RESOLVED:- That Councillor J R Foster be authorised to attend, if he is able, the first meeting of the new Wildlife and Landscape Forum at Mere Sands Wood Nature Reserve on Tuesday, 21st September 1999 at 7.00pm.

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

1. District Council - Corporate Plan
2. District Council - Committee Agendas
3. County Council - Heritage Open Days 11/12 Sept.
4. County Council - Reconstitution of School Governing Bodies
5. County Council - Waste Management Strategy - Tabloid Size Consultation Summary
6. LAP&TC - Newsletter
7. WL Environmental Network - Update
8. District Council - Housing Strategy Statement 2000/2003
9. District Council - Members' Briefing Bulletin No 49

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## FINANCE

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Accounts for Payment

51/99 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Cornhill Insurance - Additional Premium (Bus shelters and street seats)  
£ 31.29
- b. B W Rimmer Esq - Clerk's Salary & expenses (To June 1999)  
/£ 616.37

#### 2. Works at Centenary Sports Ground - Clearance of Blocked Drain

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Chief Executive of the District Council and his subsequent conversation with Councillor Birkby whose description of the events differed from that of the District Council's Officers. The Vice-Chairman indicated that he had also spoken to the District Council on the Saturday morning band had made it quite clear that the drain was on land owned by the Parish Council and that he was Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council. The question of whether the cost should be passed on to the Bowling Club was also discussed.

52/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the account submitted by the District Council in the sum of £ 88.01 (inc VAT) be not paid,

2. That the Clerk be authorised to respond to the Chief Executive's letter with the Parish Council's version of events,

3. That, as a gesture of goodwill, the Council pay the District Council the sum of £ 40 + VAT, being the highest amount estimated by the District Council when they attended the site, and

4. The cost be not passed on to the Bowling Club on this occasion but that the situation be monitored and future costs of unblocking the drain be passed on to the Club(s) concerned.

3. Annual Audit - Financial Year 1998/99 The Clerk reported that the papers had been prepared for the Annual Audit of the Accounts for the Year 1998/99. The accounts would be on deposit at the Chairman's house from the 13th to the 19th September, 1999 inclusive.

53/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the accounts for the year 1998/99 be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk for submission to the Auditor, and

2. That the Clerk be authorised to regularise the situation regarding the letting of the allotments on Shore Road, Hesketh Bank.

4. VAT for Years 1995/96, 1996/97 and 1997/98 The Clerk reported that, as a result of a change to the Claim Form, he had been visited by an Official of HM Customs and Excise regarding these claims. The total claim had been reduced principally because VAT on expenditure on the Centenary Sports Ground, for which rental payments were received, could not be reclaimed if it accounted for more than 5% of the total amount of VAT being reclaimed in any particular year.

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The amended claim would now be forwarded to Southend for payment and revised claim forms had been left with the Clerk.

Messrs J Hunter and P Sergeant left the meeting at this point.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists The following applications were considered by the Council:-

a. No 08/99/0662 Erection of stable block (comprising 7 No loose boxes) - Newarth Stables, Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK

b. No 08/99/0679 Single storey extension at side and conservatory at rear. Pitched roof to existing single storey extension to provide living accommodation (including dormer extensions in front & rear elevations) - Mount Pleasant, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK

54/99 RESOLVED:- That consideration of the above two applications be deferred until the next item on the agenda.

c. No 08/99/0735 Residential development comprising 31. 3 & 4 bedroom detached dwellings and garages; estate road and new vehicular/pedestrian access. Provision of public open space. Highway improvements at junction of Chapel Road and Station Road including new mini-roundabout. - Land at The Green, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

55/99 RESOLVED:- That an objection be made to this application of the following grounds:-

The application is a departure from the originally approved planning brief for this site

The original proposal was for only 2 means of access onto the site from Station Road, Hesketh Bank and the current proposal, which forms a cul-de-sac as an extension to The Green, will provide a third means of access.

The provision of a third means of access is unnecessary if the current estate road, which starts on Station Road near to The Brow, is extended through to the part of the site covered by this application.

The provision of an access to the site off The Green will increase the traffic using that road and Chapel Road to the detriment of residents in those roads.

The provision of a mini roundabout at Station Road and Chapel Road will increase traffic congestion in that part of the village bearing in mind that cars currently park on the land in front of the two shops at that junction and the mini roundabout will make that junction more hazardous. In addition, a large number of HGV's use Station Road to reach growers on Shore Road and Guide Road and they will be unable to negotiate a mini roundabout and will end up going across it rather than around it.

d. No 08/99/0793 Use of existing packing shed for purposes of precision engineering and toolmaking, including the repair and renovation of agricultural machinery - 221 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

e. No 08/99/0774 First floor extension at rear - 484 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

f. No 08/99/0719 Application for determination as to whether Prior Approval is required for details - Erection of agricultural building for use as farm manager's office, staff room and toilets - Hesketh Marsh, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

56/99 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the above three applications.

2. Development & Planning Committee - 2nd September 1999 The following applications were considered:-

a. No 08/99/0662 Erection of stable block (comprising 7 No loose boxes) - Newarth Stables, Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION - Refused)

b. No 08/99/0679 Single storey extension at side and conservatory at rear. Pitched roof to existing single storey extension to provide living accommodation (including dormer extensions in front & rear elevations) - Mount Pleasant, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION - Refused)

57/99 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the above two applications.

B. Items to Note

1. Applications determined since last meeting

a. No 08/99/0450 New vehicular access - Land between Lodge Farm & Ashleigh, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED

b. No 08/99/0664 Erection of barn for storage of hay and straw - Hesketh Lodge, Dib Road, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision

1. Shore Road, Hesketh Bank - Traffic Conditions The County Council had now indicated that an extension of the speed limit on Shore Road would not be justified. The question of HGV's loading and unloading on the carriageway should be taken up with either the Police or the Planning Department of the District Council. The Chairman undertook to speak to the County Council regarding the provision of the new signs for Shore Road, Station Road and Moss Lane and the Clerk was asked to take up with the Police and Planning Department the issue of loading and unloading HGV's on the carriageway on Shore Road..

2. Drainage - Hesketh Bank The Area Surveyor had various works to cure the flooding in hand.

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3. Provisional Local Transport Plan A copy of the provisional Local Transport Plan for Lancashire had been received and was available from the Clerk for any Councillor who wished to look at it.

4. Shore Road, Hesketh Bank

58/99 RESOLVED:- That the Police be advised that mud is still being dropped by vehicles onto Shore Road and the Area County Surveyor be advised of a large amount of soil and minerals under the hedges on the north side of Shore Road which is preventing water draining into the ditch along that side of the road.

5. Bus Shelter, adjacent to Recreation Ground

59/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to request the Area County Surveyor to repair/replace the damaged tarmac in this bus shelter.

6. Hesketh Lane, Tarleton

60/99 RESOLVED:- That the attention of the appropriate authorities be drawn to the practice of tractors pulling 2 trailers at once along Hesketh Lane, Tarleton.

B. Items to Note There were no items under this heading.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Inspection of Play Areas by Recreation Committee A copy of the report of the Recreation Committee is attached to these minutes.

61/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council, be authorised to arrange for the necessary work to the play equipment and the painting of the litter bins on the Play Areas, and in other locations in the Parish, to be undertaken as soon as practicable.

2. Land adj. Station Road Bridge The Clerk reported a response from the Director of Housing & Health that officers had been unable to locate fly tipping at this site.

3. Centenary Sports Ground - Car Park adjacent to Bowling Club  
The Bowling Club had reported damage to a car caused by a football from the football pitch and suggested that a safety net be erected between the pitch and the car park.

62/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Bowling Club be advised that the Parish Council does not wish to get involved in disputes between the Sports Clubs using the facilities at this Sports Ground, and

2. The Clerk be authorised to obtain suitable wording for disclaimer notices to be erected on the car parks at the Centenary Sports Ground and at the Recreation Ground, Shore Road.

Mr R Ball left the meeting at this point.

4. Recreation Ground, Shore Road

a. Footpath from Delta Park Estate to Shore Road

63/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to place an order with Mr B Parkinson for the cutting of the grass on either side of the footpath on the Recreation Ground, Shore Road.

b. Flooding adjacent to Belsfield Drive and the Play Equipment

The Chairman reported that she had spoken to Mr Heaps, who undertook the drainage of the football pitch, and to Mr Paul Taylor, a local contractor, regarding the continuing flooding on the Recreation Ground. She felt there were two problems, one the flooding of the gardens in Belsfield Drive possibly as a result of the surface water not being able to drain away, and the other the flooding near to the swings possibly due to the fact there is no drain from that location into the main drain which runs down the field.

The Chairman was awaiting estimates from Mr Taylor for the necessary remedial works and would also approach Mr Heaps for a quotation.

64/99 RESOLVED:- That consideration of this item be deferred pending the receipt of estimates for the necessary remedial works.

B. Items to Note There were no items under this heading.

ALLOTMENTS

A. Items for Decision

1. Annual Inspection A copy of the report of the Allotments Committee is attached to these minutes.

65/99 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to regularise the tenancy situation regarding the allotments as soon as practicable.

RESEARCH INTO MEN WHO DIED IN THE GREAT WAR AND MEMORIALS

The Council considered a letter which was circulated at the recent meeting of the LAP&TC West Lancashire Area Committee regarding the recording of names on War Memorials.

66/99 RESOLVED:- That the offer to investigate the War Memorial in the Parish be declined.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

67/99 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.

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**CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND (Exempt Information - Paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)**

**A. Item for Decision**

**Leases** - The Clerk reported on a response from the NALC regarding the current situation with the Lease for the Bowling Club.

**68/99 RESOLVED:-** That a meeting of the Centenary Sports Ground Committee be held on Monday, 20th September 1999 at 7.00pm to discuss the current situation and bring forward recommendations to the Parish Council meeting to be held on the 27th September 1999.

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27/9/99*

## HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on the 27th September, 1999 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT:- Mrs N M Goodier (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby and J Witter

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

PC Graham Wilson attended for part of the meeting.

No members of the press and public were present.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs P M Stables and Mr J Hunter

### MINUTES

69/99 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st September, 1999, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### POLICING IN HESKETH BANK

PC Graham Wilson reported that he had taken up his post in the village as from last week. The main problems were still with juveniles causing nuisances and disturbances in Station Road and Shore Road and on the Play Areas in those areas and the Police were currently looking at ways to combat such behaviour. There was some underage drinking taking place and all shops selling liquor had been spoken to. However, in some instances, the alcohol was purchased by adults. Youths were also congregating in the bus shelter outside All Saints Church and the removal of the seat back to Becconsall Lane/Station Road may solve that problem. PC Wilson further indicated that not all the youths, which numbered as many as 50, were local with some travelling from Banks, Tarleton and Southport into the village.

Crime in the village was low at present and there were currently no specific plans to enforce the new double yellow lines at this point in time. Finally, there was nothing further to report regarding the proposed move of the Tarleton Police Station from Windgate to the centre of the village.

70/99 RESOLVED:- That arrangements be made for the seat in the bus shelter outside All Saints Church to be moved to the corner of Station Road and Becconsall Lane and concreted into position.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Northern Parishes Bus Focus Group Mr J Hunter had been unable to attend this meeting.

2. Ormskirk, Preston & Southport Travellers' Association There was nothing further to report.

3. Wildlife & Landscape Forum Mr J R Foster had attended and reported that it was hoped to establish a Forum with a view to logging what there is in each locality. Mr Foster undertook to keep the Council informed of progress.

4. Provision of New Village Signs The Chairman undertook to speak to the County Council about these signs.

5. Traffic Problems on Shore Road The issue had been referred to Sergeant White of the Police Traffic Department and Mr F Wilkinson, Enforcement Officer of the District Council.

6. Various Highways Matters

a. Bus Shelter o/s Recreation Ground The inside of the shelter would be inspected and appropriate action taken.

b. Edge of Carriageway, Northern side of Shore Road This would be inspected during wet weather and any flooding problems caused by the build up of materials would be resolved.

c. Mud on Roads This had been referred to the Police.

d. Hesketh Lane - Use of long slow moving trailers This had been referred to the Police.

7. Research into Men who Died in the Great War and Memorials A response had been received which indicated that there could be a number of men from Hesketh Bank whose names were not listed on the War Memorial and suggesting that the Parish Council may wish to reconsider the matter. It was agreed that the Chairman would raise the issue at the next meeting of the LAP&TC Area Committee in October.

## CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. LAP&TC West Lancashire Area Committee - 8th October, 1999  
Items on the agenda for this meeting were noted.

2. LAP&TC West Lancashire Area Committee - Review of Electoral Arrangements Parish Councillors had been invited to the meeting of the District Council's Policy and Resources Committee on the 5th October, 1999 at 7.30pm to hear the Chief Executive of the Boundary Commission for England speak about this review.

3. Best Kept Village Competition The preliminary Notice of Results had been received by the Chairman. It was thought that the local school had won a prize for a project undertaken in conjunction with the BKV Competition. The Chairman undertook to investigate and report back to a future meeting of the Council.

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

1. District Council - Committee Agendas
2. District Council - Home Front News
3. District Council - Members Update - Transportation & Amenities Committee
4. District Council - Members Update - Housing & Health Committee
5. LCC - Joint Structure Plan Review
6. LCC - Minor Authority Governor Appointments - The Clerk to advise the County Council that there is no vacancy at present.
7. LCC - Proposed Change to Public Transport Policy Statement - There were no withdrawals of service affecting this Parish
8. LAP&TC - Training Evenings - Morecambe
9. Various Magazines
- 10.. LAP&TC - Delegated Powers and Agency Arrangements Questionnaire - The Clerk to complete on the basis that none are currently operative in this Parish.
11. LCC - South Area Consultative Committee - 5th October, 1999 at New Church House, adj to Ormskirk Parish Church at 2.00pm
12. Village Hall Committee - AGM on 11th October, 1999 at 8.00pm in the Front Hall.

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

71/99 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- |    |   |            |
|----|---|------------|
| a. | Mr B Parkinson - Various works            | / £ 175.00 |
| b. | Prontaprint, Lancaster - New letterheads  | / £ 52.88  |
| c. | David Ward, Wigan - Cleaning bus shelters | / £ 150.00 |

2. Requests for Grant

72/99 RESOLVED:- That the following requests be deferred until later in the financial year:-

- a. Childline North West
- b. Lancashire Youth Clubs Association

B. Items to Note

1. Receipts The following payments had been received:-

- |    |   |           |
|----|---|-----------|
| a. | WL District Council - Precept - 2nd Payment | £ 1953.00 |
| b. | HM Customs & Excise - VAT Refund            | £ 3746.58 |
| c. | Mr B Watkinson - Allotment Rental           | £ 24.00   |
- (It was reported that some allotments were not being worked and the Clerk agreed to look into the position at the completion of the Audit)

2. Audit of Accounts The books had been deposited with the Auditor and would be returned in the middle of October.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items raised under this heading.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Weekly Lists

73/99 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/99/0837 Part two storey/part single storey extension at rear with conservatory at side - Marsh Farm, Marsh Road, HESKETH BANK

#### 2. Development & Planning Committee - 30th September, 1999

74/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That no further comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/99/0735 - Development at The Green, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - REFUSED)

b. No 08/99/0318 - Detached dwelling house - Land adj. Shore Farm Barn, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED)

c. No 08/99/0998 - O/L Erection of 1 detached dwelling (including details of siting and means of access) - Land adj. 27 Granville Avenue, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - REFUSED)

d. No 08/99/0793 - Use of existing packing shed for purposes of precision engineering and toolmaking, including the repair and renovation of agricultural machinery - 221 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation - GRANTED)

2. That no comments be made on the following item on the agenda:-

Contravention of Building Regulations - Hundred End Cottage, Hundred End, HESKETH BANK Erection of extension (Recommendation - Institute legal proceedings in accordance with S 35 of Building Act 1985 and serve notice in accordance with S 36 of Building Act 1984)

### B. Items to Note

#### 1. Applications determined since last meeting

a. No 08/99/0662 - Erection of stable block (comprising 7 No loose boxes) - Newarth Stables, Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK (REFUSED)

b. No 08/99/0774 - First floor extension at rear - 484 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

1. Bus Stop & Shelter - Station Road/Mill Lane, Tarleton The County Surveyor had indicated that a new site had been agreed for the bus stop but any bus shelter would be provided by Tarleton Parish Council.

75/99 RESOLVED:- That a copy of the County Surveyor's letter be forwarded to Tarleton Parish Council with a request for the re-instatement of the bus shelter at the new site.

2. Bus Shelter Maintenance The Clerk was still awaiting a revised quotation.

3. Mobility Measures It was reported that finance was available for dropped kerbs in the current financial year and the Clerk was requested to ask the County Surveyor when the work in this Parish was to be carried out.

4. Hesketh Lane/Station Road, Tarleton/Hesketh Bank The Clerk was requested to ask the County Council if the current resurfacing work on Hesketh Lane was to be continued into Station Road.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Recreation Ground, Shore Road

a. Drainage Work The Chairman had still not received quotations from Mr P Taylor and had now asked Mr Robin Heaps to visit the site and provide quotations. The Chairman would meet Mr Heaps on site if necessary.

b. Bad Language in Football Matches A complaint had been made about bad language from players taking part in matches on the Recreation Ground. Mr P Sergeant indicated that this problem had arisen before and Hesketh Bank AFC would take it up with the Club concerned if details were forwarded to them.

2. Glenpark Drive A revised date for the meeting with the District Council was still awaited.

3. Centenary Sports Ground - Car Park Mr P Sergeant undertook to speak to Mr J Ball about the provision of disclaimer notices on the car park and at the Recreation Ground.

4. Poppyfields Development - Provision of Open Space It had previously been reported that the developer was selling houses on the estate to families on the basis that a play area would be provided but the Council recognised that the play equipment would need to be provided by either the Parish Council or District Council. The developer should be providing the District Council with a sum of money to maintain the site for a period of seven years. It was agreed to keep an eye on the situation as the estate was developed.