

## HESKETH - WITH - BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting held on the 15th May, 2000 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:- Mr J Hunter (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

Mesdames J Birkby and H Tompkins

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

One member of the public was present.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs N M Goodier

Prior to the start of the meeting, Councillor R Ball suggested that the first item should be the Appointment of a Chairman.

*The Clerk through the*  
~~The~~ Chairman explained that the Appointment of a Chairman was the first item on the Agenda for the Annual Meeting of the Council which would commence at 7.30pm, whilst this meeting was to appoint a person to fill the vacancy on the Council to enable the Council to have a full complement of Members prior to the start of the Annual Meeting.

The Chairman ruled that the meeting should proceed.

### PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Mrs Brenda Johnson and Mrs Lesley Standish-Gore had applied to fill the vacancy and both ladies gave a brief resume of themselves, indicated why they wished to join the Council and answered questions from Members.

A Ballot was held which resulted as follows:-

Mrs Brenda Johnson - 3 votes

Mrs Lesley Standish-Gore - 6 votes

216/99 RESOLVED:- 1. That Mrs Lesley Standish-Gore be elected to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council for the four year period to May, 2004, and

2. That Mrs Brenda Johnson be thanked for her interest in the vacancy and for attending this meeting.

*[Signature]*  
26 June 2000

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Minutes of Annual Meeting held on the 15th May, 2000 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:- Mr A Murphy (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; N Goodier; L Standish-Gore and H Tompkins

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

Three members of the press and public were present.

### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

01/2000 RESOLVED:- That Mr A Murphy be elected as Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2000/2001 (The voting on this resolution was as follows:- FOR - 9 votes; AGAINST - 0 votes; ABSTAINED - 2 votes)

### DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN

The Chairman made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman of the Council

### APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

02/2000 RESOLVED:- That Mrs N M Goodier be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2000/2001 (The voting on this resolution was as follows:- FOR - 9 votes; AGAINST - 0 votes; ABSTAINED - 2 votes)

### MINUTES

03/2000 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th April, 2000 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Best Kept Village Competition The letters to various establishments in the Parish were in hand and Mrs N M Goodier asked the Clerk to add the Shore Road Post Office onto the list.

2. Correspondence from Tarleton Parish Council Mr R Ball again referred to the letter from Tarleton Parish Council and again refused to say from whom he had obtained a copy and a copy of the reply from the Clerk. It was re-iterated that the letter asked the Clerk to take action and had been replied to by the Clerk with reasons why he felt he was not able to take the action requested. It was also indicated that it was believed that the letter from Tarleton Parish Council had been written without the authority of that Parish Council.

04/2000 RESOLVED:- That the letter be not read out at a meeting of the Parish Council and that the matter be allowed to rest. (The voting on this resolution was as follows:- FOR - 6 votes; AGAINST - 4 votes; ABSTAINED - 1 vote)

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

05/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following Committees be established with the membership as indicated for the Municipal Year 2000/2001:-

- a. Recreation Committee - Chairman; Mr I Ashcroft; Mr B Birkby; Mrs N Goodier and Mr J Hunter
- b. Allotments Committee - Chairman: Mr R Ball; Mr J R Foster; Mr J Hunter and Mr P Sergeant
- c. Footpaths, Tree Wardens and Environmental Issues Committee - Chairman; Mr R Ball; Mr J R Foster; Mr J Hunter and Mrs H Tompkins
- d. Centenary Sports Ground Committee - Chairman; B Birkby; Mrs N Goodier; Mr J Hunter and Mrs L Standish-Gore

2. That the Chairman be authorised to continue to undertake weekly inspections of the Council owned play equipment, and

3. That the Millennium Committee be dissolved.

## APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

06/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following appointments be made to outside bodies for the Municipal Year 2000/2001:-

- a. Hesketh-with-Becconsall CE School - Governor - Mrs N M Goodier
- b. Tarleton County Primary School - Governor - Mrs H Tompkins
- c. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils - Chairman; Vice-Chairman and Mr I Ashcroft
- d. Hesketh Village Institute - Mr P Sergeant
5. Lancashire Playing Fields Association - Mr P Sergeant
6. Council for Protection of Rural England - Mrs L Standish-Gore
7. West Lancashire Environmental Network - Mr J R Foster
8. West Lancashire Rights of Way and Access Forum - Mr J R Foster
9. Layfield Charity - Mrs N M Goodier
10. Tree Warden - Mrs H Tompkins

2. That the District Council be requested to supply the Parish Council with a list of Tree Preservation Orders in the Parish

## ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY - 25TH APRIL, 2000

The Council considered the recommendations made by the Annual Parish Assembly.

07/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be authorised to prepare an Asset Register of assets owned by the Parish Council,

2. That the Clerk be requested to keep a record of the time spent to compile the Register referred to in (1) above, and

3. That the Clerk be requested to ask the Nat. West Bank for any Council documents still in their possession.

(N.B. The voting on part 1 of the resolution was FOR - 8 votes; AGAINST - 0 votes; ABSTAINED - 3 votes)

The Clerk reported that with regard to the Clerk's Contract of Employment, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had made comments which would now be incorporated in the document prior to being submitted to the Council for approval.

Reference was also made to the quiet remark by County Councillor R Hodge that it may need a fatality before action is taken to reduce the speed limit on Shore Road .

## CORRESPONDENCE

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Transport And Access Forum for West Lancashire

08/2000 RESOLVED:- That Mr R Ball be authorised to attend the first meeting of the Forum to be held on Tuesday, 23rd May, 2000 at 7.00pm at Ormskirk Civic Hall.

#### 2. LAP&TC - West Lancashire Area Committee

09/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Hon. Secretary of the Committee be advised that this Parish Council will give a short presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Committee on Friday, 14th July, 2000.

#### 3. West Lancs. Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme

10/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Council's apologies be forwarded to the Scheme as the AGM is to be held on the same night as the July meeting of the Parish Council.

#### 4. Application for Transfer of Licence - 1 Station Road, HESKETH BANK

11/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the proposed Transfer of Licence in respect of the premises, No 1 Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

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

1. District Council - Letter re- Grounds Maintenance Work for Parish Councils
2. Heritage Lottery Fund - Application Pack for Capital Grants (This was passed to Mr P Sergeant)
3. Clerks & Councils Direct - May edition
4. Local Council Review - May edition

## FINANCE

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Accounts for Payment

12/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-  
Cornhill Insurance - General Insurance £ 372.76

## 2. Bank Mandate

13/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That bank accounts be continued with HSBC Bank plc (the 'Bank') and the Bank be authorised to:-

- a. pay all cheques and other instructions for payment signed on behalf of the Council by any two of the following four persons :- Chairman of the Council (Councillor A P Murphy); Vice-Chairman of the Council (Councillor Mrs N M Goodier); Councillors J Hunter and Mrs J Birkby (the 'signatory') whether any account of the Council is in debit or credit;
- b. deliver any item held on behalf of the Council by the Bank in safe keeping against written receipt of the signatory; and
- c. accept the signatory as fully empowered to act on behalf of the Council in any other transactions with the Bank;

2. That any debt incurred to the bank under this mandate shall, in the absence of written agreement by the Bank to the contrary, be repayable on demand;

3. That the Clerk is authorised to supply the Bank as and when necessary with lists of persons who are authorised to sign, give receipts and act on behalf of the Council, and that the Bank may rely upon such lists; and

4. That these resolutions remain in force until cancelled by notice in writing to the Bank signed by the Chairman or Clerk acting or claiming to act on behalf of the Council and the Bank shall be entitled to act on such notice whether the resolutions have been validly cancelled or not.

### B. Items to Note

1. Receipts The following receipts were noted:-

West Lancashire D C - 1st payment concurrent expenditure - £ 2220.28

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The only item raised was the proposal by the District Council to establish Open Forums on which Parish Councils may be offered an automatic place and this Council's response to such an invitation.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists

14/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following comments be made on the applications listed:-

- a. No 08/2000/0394 - Outline - Residential development including details of means of access - Land off Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

The Parish Council would like to know the number of developers involved on this site; the number of access points to be provided to the site; what is to happen to the property No 165 Station Road which is currently occupied but not shown on the site layout plan; and will the existing covenant, which states that part of the land shown on the applicant's plan may not be used for building purposes, be taken into consideration.

- b. No 08/20000423 - Pitched roof to existing flat-roofed extension at rear - 43 Boundary Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by the Director)

No comments.

- c. No 08/2000/0433 - Attached garage at side - 4 Woodlee Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

No comments.

2. Development & Planning Committee - 25th May, 2000

15/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the District Councillor, be authorised to make any comments on applications included on the agenda for this meeting which are deemed to be necessary.

3. Proposed Conservation Area - The Brow, Hesketh Bank

16/2000 RESOLVED:- That Parish Councillors be authorised to attend the Site Meeting to be held at The Brow on Tuesday, 30th May, 2000 at 3.00pm and the Public Meeting to be held at The Cock & Bottle Public House, Tarleton on Thursday, 1st June, 2000 at 7.00pm.

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

1. Planning Applications Nos 08/2000/0079 & 08/99/0974 - Response to questions asked by Parish Council as follows:-

a. Phase 2 of Poppyfields is not yet connected to the main sewer and it is the developer's responsibility to progress a permanent solution. It was said that problems still existed with the sewers.

b. Surface water drainage for both sites to be designed so that water does not enter existing watercourses at greater rate than at present. On-site storage systems required. Planning condition included that drainage details are to be submitted to and approved by LPA prior to commencement of developments. Environment Agency will give separate approval as necessary.

c. Developer has confirmed that compound is to be removed and Public Open Space provided following completion of existing development site. It has been heard by residents, however, that the compound will remain for the next phase.

2. Applications determined since last meeting The following were noted:-

- a. No 08/2000/0235 - Conservatory at side - Boundary Farm, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- b. No 08/2000/0241 - Detached garage at rear - 26 Pardoe Close, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- c. E/2000/0007 - Use of building for residential purposes - Land at 140 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (Not expedient to take formal enforcement action)

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

1. Speed Limit, Marsh Road, Banks and Shore Road, Hesketh Bank  
Awaiting response from North Meols Parish Council

2. The Brow Wall It was stated that the wall had been in its current state for nearly 2 years before the Conservation Area had been planned.

17/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the District Council be asked for information about the owner of the wall and what steps are being taken, by whom and when, to secure the safety of the wall on a permanent basis, and

2. That the Clerk be requested to copy the letter to the County Council.

3. Marsh Road, Hesketh Bank The County Council had indicated that they were only responsible for the first 102 metres of the road which would be inspected and remedial work undertaken as necessary. In addition the 'No Through Road' sign would be replaced. The County Council had suggested that North West Water be contacted about the damage to the remainder of the road by their contractor.

18/2000 RESOLVED:- That North West Water be contacted about the damage caused to the unadopted part of Marsh Road by their contractors, Harbour & General.

### 4. Various Works in Hesketh Bank

19/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the County Council be requested to investigate the following:-

a. Boundary Meanygate where the footway is so narrow that the hedge, even when cut, nearly covers the footway,

b. Boundary Lane/Boundary Meanygate where the recently laid chippings have disappeared in parts,

c. Becconsall Lane which is full of potholes and requires re-surfacing as a matter of urgency,

d. Shore Road where drop kerbs are required to facilitate the movement of disabled people in wheelchairs, and

e. School Fold footpath which is becoming overgrown with nettles etc.,

f. The County Council owned pieces of grass in Chapel Road which require cutting prior to the forthcoming parade through the Parish.

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

1. Station Road Bridge A response was still awaited from the Police.

#### RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Item for Decision

1. Station Road Banking adjacent to the Play Area

20/2000 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be reminded that they had undertaken to cut the grass on the banking 6 times per year.

2. Maintenance of Recreation Ground and Station Road Play Area It was reported that Brian Parkinson had given a verbal quotation to the Chairman in the sum of £ 450 per annum for the various works required by the Council.

21/2000 RESOLVED:- That, if a written quotation for the works is received prior to the next meeting of the Council, the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council be authorised to accept the quotation to enable the work to commence as soon as possible.

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

1. Glenpark Drive Play Area - Trees The Clerk reported a complaint from residents in Langdale Avenue via the District Council regarding the trees on the Play Area and had advised the Officer concerned that the land was still owned by the District Council. The Clerk also reported that a response was still awaited regarding the transfer of the land to the Parish Council and the terms requested by the Parish Council before such transfer is effected.

2. Glenpark Drive Play Area - Parking of cars on Footway by Area A response was still awaited from the Divisional Surveyor.

3. Cutting of Hedges on Recreation Ground The Clerk had this matter in hand.

#### RADIATION LEVELS IN THE RIVERS DOUGLAS AND RIBBLE

The various responses from the organisations approached by the Clerk were noted.

22/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Environment Agency be contacted again

a. To be advised that material from the River Douglas has already been used on works as a dragline was left in the vicinity of footpath No 16,

b. To be asked about radiation levels in Savick Brook which is supposedly the 'hottest spot' on this part of the coast, and

c. To be asked about incidents in the 1950's and 1960's when contamination occurred landward of the River Defence Line as a result of incidents at Calder Hall.



## REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

23/2000 RESOLVED:- That a Review of Standing Orders be undertaken and a suitable item be placed on the agenda for the July meeting of the Council.

## DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

24/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That future meetings of the Council continue to be fixed for the week in which the District Council's Planning Committee meets,

2. That meetings of the Council be held on the following days & dates:-

Monday, 19th June, 2000  
Tuesday, 29th August, 2000  
Monday, 23rd October, 2000

Monday, 17th July, 2000  
Monday, 25th September, 2000  
Monday, 20th November, 2000

and

3. That future meetings in the current municipal year be fixed when details of District Council meetings for the year 2001 are available.

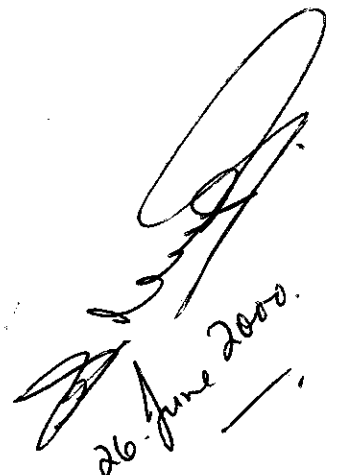
## EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

25/2000 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 paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

## CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND

Leases (Paragraph 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972)

26/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to ask the Bowling & Social Club about the outcome of the action taken by their Solicitor following the Club's meeting with representatives of the Parish Council in October, 1999.



26 June 2000

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PRESENT:- Mr A Murphy (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; L Standish-Gore and H Tompkins

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

Also present:- PC Graham Wilson

Apologies were received from Mrs N M Goodier and Insp. P Melling

One member of the public was present.

### MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

27/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 15th May, 2000 be approved and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment:-

2nd Paragraph - " The Chairman explained....." to read " The Clerk through the Chairman explained...."

### MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

Councillor R Ball asked why the remarks of the Vice-Chairman in respect of the Leases for the Centenary Sports Ground had not been reported in the Minutes and the Clerk reported that the item had been taken in Part 2 of the Agenda and therefore any remarks made should not be divulged to members of the public. Also, the remarks had not been adopted as Council policy. Councillor Ball was concerned that Council business was being conducted in secret when there should be openness about the Council's affairs.


Councillor J Hunter remarked that if the Parish was interested in what was going on they should attend every meeting and Councillor Ball asked that those remarks be included in the Minutes.

28/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 15th May, 2000 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Best Kept Village Competition Letters had been written to all the owners of premises which had been entered in the individual categories and also to all premises in the Village Centre, all of which had been delivered by the Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Mrs H Tompkins suggested that the Parish Council may like to consider purchasing hanging baskets for the main centres of the village on Station Road and Shore Road and she had approached a supplier who would provide 25 baskets including plants for £ 90.00. Councillor Mrs Tompkins also suggested that the Parish Council's existing handyman could be requested to maintain the baskets with the owners of the various premises watering the plants when necessary.



It was further reported that some premises had already provided hanging baskets.

29/2000 RESOLVED:- That consideration of providing finance to support the Council's entry into the Best Kept Village Competition 2001 be considered when the Estimates for 2001/2002 are prepared later in the year.

2. Documents at National Westminster Bank The Clerk reported that there were no documents of the Council's held by the Bank at either the Southport or Tarleton Branches. He did have some boxes of papers at home which he was looking through.

3. Transport & Access Forum for West Lancashire Councillor R Ball reported on the meeting of the Forum which was to canvas ideas for Public Transport in the District. A number of presentations had been made and the members had been divided up into Groups. The arrangements for the next meeting would be notified in due course.

4. Correspondence from Tarleton Parish Council Councillor R Ball reported he had visited the offices of the LAP&TC and received a written reply from the Honorary Secretary to the effect that he was not aware of any letter of complaint from Tarleton Parish Council to Hesketh-with-Becconsall Parish Council. He also reported that the Honorary Secretary had indicated that Mr Len Watson was not part of the Association.

In the absence of the Vice-Chairman of the Council, Councillor Ball asked for the item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

5. Development & Planning Committee - 25th May, 2000 Councillor J R Foster asked why it had been necessary to pass Resolution 15/2000 and was advised it was because the Annual Meeting of the Council was required to be held the week before the Planning Committee of the District Council but in the event there were no items affecting this Parish on the agenda.

6. Station Road Bridge Councillor J R Foster asked for clarification of this item and was advised that it was in respect of vehicles parking on the bridge.

#### POLICING IN HESKETH BANK

PC Graham Wilson reported that juvenile nuisance was currently on the decrease and there had been no crime that he was aware of in the past two months. The letter about parking on the Station Road Bridge had been passed to Sergeant White of the Traffic Department who had told the operational Officers to take necessary action. He would pass a copy of the reply from Sergeant White to the Clerk.

The Tarleton Officer was currently undertaking an operation on Hesketh Lane, whilst a local Officer had now been trained in the use of radar which would be utilised in the area.

In response to questions, PC Wilson reported that he didn't think Hesketh Lane would be closed for the Millennium Parade this coming weekend; that enforcement action should be taken against illegal parking and obstructions; that the new Bargain Booze shop in the village, when open, would be receiving a visit from Police Officers regarding selling alcohol to under-age persons and the Licensing functions currently undertaken by the Magistrates would be transferred to the District Council in the future.

The Chairman thanked PC Wilson for attending the meeting.



CORRESPONDENCE

A. Items for Decision

1. West Lancashire District Council - Civic Sunday Service The invitation to the Service was passed to the Chairman.

2. The Draft School Organisational Plan for Lancashire This had been passed to the Chairman who made a number of comments on the content and asked Councillor I Ashcroft, Vice-Chairman of the Governors of Hesketh CE School, some questions regarding the school's policy.

30/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to prepare a draft letter of response to the County Council's Draft School Organisational Plan for Lancashire for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

3. Henry Alty - Terms & Conditions of Sale

31/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to sign the new Standard Terms and Conditions of Sale received from Henry Alty.

4. West Lancs Environmental Network - AGM

32/2000 RESOLVED:- That Councillor J R Foster be authorised to attend the AGM of the West Lancashire Environmental Network.

5. District Council Area Consultative Forums Copies of the Constitution and Terms of Reference of the Forums was circulated.

33/2000 RESOLVED:- That consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

6. A Manifesto for Rural Britain A copy of a document from Mr D Borrow MP, which was basically a wish list for Rural Areas, was passed to Councillor Mrs H Tompkins.

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

1. District Council - Committee Agendas (No items for this Parish)
2. District Council - Members' Briefing Bulletin No 56
3. District Council - Members Updates
  - a. Development and Leisure Review Committee
  - b. Housing & Health Review Committee
  - c. Central Services Review Committee
  - d. Planning Committee
4. Lancashire Playing Fields Association - AGM & Annual report
5. Community Futures (CCL Magazine)
6. West Lancs Countryside 2000 Event Programme
7. Request for Flag & Coat of Arms
8. The Kennedy Partnership - Establishment of Tarleton Office
9. Invitation to Chairman to attend the Induction of the new Rector at All Saints CE Church (Accepted by the Chairman)

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

a. LAP&TC Training Day An invitation had been received to send Members of the Council to a Training Day for New Councillors and Clerks on the 1st July, 2000 at a cost of £ 28.00 per person. Councillors Mrs Lesley Standish-Gore and Mrs Hilary Tompkins could attend the whole day whilst Councillor Ian Ashcroft could only attend the morning session. A reduced fee of £ 14.00 had been negotiated in respect of Councillor Ashcroft.

34/2000 RESOLVED:- That the fees for the Training Course for new Councillors in the sum of £ 70.00 be paid to the LAP&TC.

b. Maintenance of Recreation Ground and Play Areas

35/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the quotation from Mr B Parkinson in the sum of £450.00 for maintaining the Recreation Ground and Play Areas on the basis of the schedule agreed by the Council on the 28th February, 2000 be accepted, and  
2. That payment be made throughout the year on the basis of three equal payments of £150.00.

c. Other Accounts

36/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

1.	Zurich Municipal - Playground Insurance	£ 268.02
2.	Brian Parkinson - Maintenance Contract - 1st Payment	£ 150.00
	Provision and installation of concrete posts	£ 45.00
3.	Village Institute - Hire of Room for meetings	£ 180.00
	Grant towards upkeep	£ 200.00
4.	B W Rimmer - Clerk's Salary & Expenses to June 2000	£ 727.73

2. Tarleton High School - Swimming Pool

37/2000 RESOLVED:- That payment of the Grant towards the upkeep of the Swimming Pool at Tarleton High School be paid on the basis of £ 1500.00 immediately and the balance of £ 1000.00 when the Council receives the balance of the Precept and Concurrent Expenditure from the District Council (The voting on this resolution was FOR - ~~3~~<sup>7</sup>, AGAINST - 1, ABSTAINED - 2)

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Items raised were the District Council's proposals for Area Consultative Forums and the Exclusion of the Press and Public when dealing with the Centenary Sports Ground at Parish Council meetings.

**PLANNING MATTERS**

A. Items for Decision

1. Weekly Lists The Clerk reported that the following two applications, which were notified just after the previous meeting of the Council, had been approved by the Director.

- a. No 08/2000/0457 - Replacement single storey extension at side/rear - Longwood, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK

- b. No 08/2000/0491 - Detached double garage - 296 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK

38/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/2000/0529 - Two storey extension at rear - 2 The Green, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)  
b. No 08/2000/0551 - Outline - Detached bungalow and garage - Land rear of 160 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)  
c. No 08/2000/0573 - Single storey extension at side & pitched roof to existing flat-roofed extension at rear 46 Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)  
d. No 08/2000/0601 - Replacement front porch - 1a Guide Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

2. That the comments indicated be made on the following application and that Councillor Mrs H Tompkins be authorised to visit the site and report back any comments to the Clerk for inclusion :-

No 08/2000/0549 - Proposed access road to "Woodholme" - Land leading to Woodholme, Anchorage Avenue, from Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Director)

The Council is concerned that Grade 1 agricultural land will be used for this access.

2. Proposed Conservation Area - The Brow

39/2000 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, in submitting comments to the District Council, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book, be confirmed.

3. Alleged Breach of Planning Control - Rimington, Guide Road

40/2000 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that the operators of this facility are taking learner motorcyclists down one of the busiest roads in the village insofar as HGV's are concerned.

4. Availability of Planning Applications on DC Web site It was agreed to leave consideration of this item until later in the meeting.

5. West Lancashire Local Plan - Questionnaire The Clerk undertook to pass a copy of the Plan and the Questionnaire to the Chairman.

6. Planning Committee - 29th June, 2000 There were no items affecting this Parish.

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

1. Application No 08/2000/0394 - Land at Station Road The District Council had responded that this application was an alternative to the previously approved schemes with access off Station Road. The submitted plans did not include 165 Station Road and the District Council had no control over compliance with covenants.

2. New Tree Preservation Orders & Tree Warden The Arboricultural Officer had contacted Councillor Mrs H Tompkins and a list of TPO's in the Parish would be provided.

Councillor B Birkby indicated that, following discussions with the District Council, permission had been given to prune a number of trees on the Village Institute site.

3. Applications determined since last meeting

- a. No 08/2000/0288 - Retention of portacabin (6m x 3m) for use as office accommodation - 9 Station Road, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- b. No 08/2000/0302 - New agricultural storage building and extension to an existing building to replace existing lean-to - Willow Farm, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- c. No 08/2000/0336 - Extension to existing farm produce store to form refrigerated area - 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- d. No 08/2000/0423 - Pitched roof to existing flat-roofed extension at rear - 43 Boundary Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- e. No 08/2000/0433 - Attached garage at side - 4 Woodlee Road, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- f. No 08/2000/0457 - Replacement single storey extension at side/rear - Longwood, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED
- g. No 08/2000/0491 - Detached double garage - 296 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

1. Speed Limit, Marsh Road, Banks and Shore Road, Hesketh Bank North Meols Parish Council had now requested a joint site meeting between the two Parishes and Lancashire County Council.

2. The Brow Wall The District Council had indicated that the wall was not considered dangerous at the present time with no further works currently necessary. Mr Slinger had been identified as the landowner and the Legal Department were endeavouring to recover costs.

3. Glenpark Drive - Waiting Restrictions A suggestion for waiting restrictions alongside the play area, on that side of the road only, would be put to the next Liaison Meeting with the Police and West Lancashire District Council.

4. Proposed Weight Restriction - New Lane Bridge, Crossens The Clerk undertook to ensure that North Meols Parish Council had received copies of this correspondence.

### 5. Bus Shelters

41/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be authorised to obtain an estimate for the repair of the smashed panel in the shelter on Shore Road, near to Chapel Road (Preston side), and

2. That the Clerk be authorised to request the contractor to attend to the replacement of glass in the All Saints Church shelter as soon as possible.

### 6. Hedges

42/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following hedges be reported to the County Council for their attention and action as necessary:-

1. Station Road, Eastern side going down The Brow
2. Station Road, Eastern side between Meadow Lane and The Brow
3. Station Road, Western side behind bus shelter adj. to Morris Homes



7. Dimpled Flags

43/2000 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be asked about the criteria for laying dimpled flags near to dropped kerbs and the possibility of such flags being laid in this Parish.

8. Street Nameplates and Road Signs

44/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following be reported to the County Council for attention:-

- a. Beconsall Lane - No Through Road sign missing
- b. Marsh Road - No Through sign - To be found inside NORWEB compound, and

2. That the following be reported to the District Council for attention:-

- a. Moss Lane - Nameplate at Hundred End Lane end has been uprooted
- b. Moss Lane - Nameplate outside Bargain Booze, near Station Road, has been broken off

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

- 1. Various highways matters - County Council response
  - a. Boundary Meanygate - will be inspected and action taken re- hedges, unlikely footways widened in near future.
  - b. Boundary Lane/Boundary Meanygate - surface dressing to be inspected & remedial work undertaken
  - c. Beconsall Lane - included in programme for surface dressing this summer
  - d. Disability crossings - completed recently - specific locations to be put on list for consideration in future - Parish Councillors to bring forward suggestions to future meeting of the Council
  - e. School Fold footpath - passed to Public Right of Way Section
  - f. Chapel Road verges - to be cut week beginning 5th June - work done
  - g. Station Road Embankment - contractor made aware of agreed maintenance programme - work still not done - Clerk to speak to County Council

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Item for Decision

- 1. Centenary Sports Ground - Southern Boundary (Councillors Mrs J Birkby, B Birkby and A Murphy, as Trustees of the Village Institute, declared an interest in this item, remained in the meeting but took no part in the voting)

The Trustees of the Village Institute were proposing to erect a 6ft high concrete fence on this boundary and were asking the Parish Council for a 50% contribution, amounting to £ 800, and for permission to build the fence approximately 6 inches inside the boundary, on the Parish Council's land, in order to line it up with existing concrete panels already in place.

45/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be requested to approach the Football Club for a contribution of up to £ 400 towards the cost of the fence proposed by the Village Hall Trustees (The voting on this resolution was FOR - 6, AGAINST - 0, ABSTAINED - 1), and





2. That the Trustees of the Village Institute be allowed to build the concrete fence approximately 6 inches inside the boundary on Parish Council land (The voting on this resolution was FOR - 6, AGAINST - 1, ABSTAINED - 0)

#### PROPOSAL FOR PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Chairman reported that Tarleton Parish Council had set up a Website and the District Council were offering to e-mail Lists of Planning Applications to Councils with the necessary facilities.

He submitted two options for consideration as follows:-

1. Freeserve - this would be free, would incorporate an e-mail address and could be online within days

2. Register the Parish Council's name as a Domain Name at a cost of £10.55 (i.e. £8.98 + VAT) for 2 years. The question would be what to use as the Council's Domain Name bearing in mind the number of letters in the Council's official name.

A number of Councillors did not wish their names and addresses to be included on any Website set up for the Council.

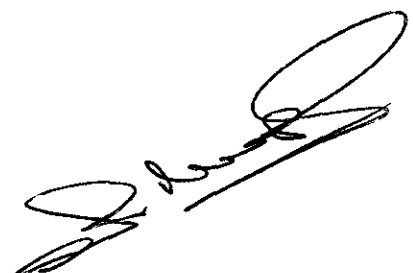
46/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be requested to bring options for a Domain Name to the next meeting of the Council.

#### STANDING ORDER No 17

47/2000 RESOLVED:- That, in accordance with Standing Order No 17, the meeting be terminated and the following items be referred to the next meeting of the Council and included early on the agenda:-

##### Items Requested by Mr J R Foster

1. Information Pack LAP&TC
2. Local Council Review
3. Environmental Issues - Local Tips etc.



## HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2000 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm

PRESENT:- Mr A Murphy (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; L Standish-Gore and H Tompkins

Messrs I Ashcroft; R C Ball; B Birkby and J R Foster

Apologies were received from Mrs N M Goodier and Messrs J Hunter and PJA Sergeant

One member of the public was present.

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2000

48/2000 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following addition and amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2000 be approved and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 4 Minute 37/2000 - The voting be amended to read – FOR - 7,  
AGAINST – 1, ABSTAINED – 1

Page 7 After Resolution 44/2000 insert the following:-

9. Marsh Road It was stated that HGV's and Tractors were damaging Marsh Road but it was classified as a cart road/footpath.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Local Agenda 21 – Northern Parishes Public Transport Focus Group  
Mr R Ball was able to attend the meeting in Tarleton on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2000.
2. Correspondence from Tarleton Parish Council Mr R Ball confirmed he had received a letter from the LAP&TC and again refused to divulge from whom he had received a copy of the letter from Tarleton Parish Council to the Clerk.
3. West Lancs Environmental Network – AGM Mr J R Foster had attended and reported that the Network were seeking items for the Newsletter; there was a surplus of £ 6,700 to be allocated for projects; that individuals undertaking works require to be insured; and the LCC had a Ranger based at Mere Sands Wood who could be contacted on (01772) 264709.

It was agreed that the Clerk would ask for details of the criteria for projects and obtain a list of members of the Network, or copies of the Green Directory, for all members of the Council.



4. LAP&TC Training Day Mesdames L Standish-Gore and H Tompkins and Mr I Ashcroft had attended and all found it very useful with a number of ideas for planning the future of the village and for finding activities for young people being suggested by various people.

5. Parish Council Documents The Clerk indicated that no documents had been sent to the County Archivist during his time as Clerk.

#### ITEMS REMAINING FROM LAST MEETING

##### Items Requested by Mr J R Foster

Mr Foster requested that the following items be deferred to the next meeting:-

1. Information Pack – LAP&TC
2. Local Council Review
3. Environmental Issues – Local Tips etc. It was agreed that the Clerk be requested to write to the Environment Agency regarding the area of the disclaimer zone around Alty's Tip. Mr Foster also expressed concern about nuclear waste being present when the old gutters on the Outmarsh had been filled in.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### A Items for Decision.

1. LAP&TC – AGM 4<sup>th</sup> November 2000 It was agreed to leave the appointment of delegates to the next meeting.
2. CCL Rural Evaluation and Action for Lancashire (REAL) No community led “themed appraisals” had been compiled in this Parish during the past six years.
3. Millennium Committee It was confirmed that the Committee had been disbanded and the Clerk was requested to send a letter of congratulations to the Tarleton Committee for organising the successful event in July. Videos were available for purchase.
4. The Friends of Heart of Lancashire Appeal It was agreed to put details on the Notice Boards, the Website and in any Newsletter to be published in the near future.
5. Proposed Ribble Link Brief details had been received with the view that there was some doubt whether it would be constructed.

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

1. District Council – Committee Agendas
  - a. Executive Committee – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2000

i. Conservation Area – The Brow The District Council had agreed to take the necessary action to designate the area at The Brow.

ii. Transfer of Land to Parish Council The District Council had agreed to transfer the Glenpark Drive Play Area to the Parish Council and to provide the finance to undertake the tarmac work. The contract would be let and supervised by the District Council's Leisure Department and the Legal Department would be drawing up the legal papers.

- b. Licensing and Appeals Committee No items
- c. Central Services Review Committee No items
- d. Standards Committee No items

- 2. District Council – Members' Briefing Bulletin No 57
- 3. District Council – Members' Updates
  - a. Licensing & Appeals Committee – Issue 1
  - b. Planning Committee – Issue 2
- 4. LAP&TC – Clerk's Salaries 2000/2001
- 5. WLDC Housing & Health Dept – RADMIL Report 1998/99
- 6. Community Futures (CCL Magazine – July/August 2000)
- 7. Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2000
- 8. Local Council Review – July 2000
- 9. DETR Publication – UK Strategy for Radioactive Discharges 2001 – 2020 It was agreed that the Clerk be requested to ask the District Council if it had been consulted on this document.

## FINANCE

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Accounts for Payment

49/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- |    |  |           |
|----|--|-----------|
| a. | Ian Yates – New slide - Glenpark Drive                       | £ 1122.12 |
| b. | Autocross Plastics – Repairs to 2 shelters                   | £ 405.38  |
| c. | B Parkinson – Maintenance contract – 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment | £ 150.00  |

### B. Items to Note

1. Annual Audit – Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2000 To be undertaken on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2000, the Clerk/Chairman to attend on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2000.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items under this heading.



## PLANNING MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Weekly Lists (Enclosed)

50/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. 08/2000/0629 Front porch – 33 Sidney Avenue, HESKETH BANK
- b. 08/2000/0631 Conversion and extension of garage to provide living accommodation and attached car port – 167 Station Road, HESKETH BANK
- c. 08/2000/0633 Two storey extension at side – 34 Pardoe Close, HESKETH BANK
- d. 08/2000/0647 Single storey extension at side and conservatory at rear – 8 Cornflower Close, HESKETH BANK
- e. 08/2000/0702 Single storey extension at rear – 24 Greenfields, HESKETH BANK

#### 2. Planning Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2000

There were no items affecting this Parish.

3. Parish Map Project The District Council was asking for certain details to proceed with the project.

51/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That Beconsall Old Church; All Saints Church; the Light Railway; the Boatyard; Village Institute; Village Centre and the Conservation Area be included as features on the Map, and

2. That the Chairman, Mr J R Foster and the Clerk be authorised to prepare the necessary documentation for submission to the District Council.

4. Poppyfields Development It was reported that the Public Open Space and Play Area should be provided in the next 4 weeks and that the people at the first house on the right had moved leaving a hole in the hedge, which is the boundary between the development and the highway.

52/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be requested to advise the appropriate authority of the gap in the hedge, and

2. That the Clerk be requested to write to the District Council regarding the unsatisfactory condition of the drains on the estate with a copy to the Technical Director of Morris Homes.

5. Tarleton Conservation Action Group The Group was seeking the Council's support in opposing the proposed shop development adjacent to The Boskins, Church Road, Tarleton.

53/2000 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised of this Council's concern that the increase in traffic will make access to Hesketh Lane for the emergency services more difficult.

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

1. Provision of Planning Committee Agendas to Parish Councils  
Parish Councils would still receive full copies of the Planning Committee and the Development & Leisure Review Committee.

2. Tree Preservation Orders List List received Mrs H Tompkins to ask the District Council for a map

3. Applications and Appeals determined since last meeting  
The following decisions had been taken:-

08/2000/0529 Two storey extension at rear – 2 The Green, HESKETH BANK – APPROVED

08/2000/0573 Single storey extension at side & pitched roof to existing flat-roofed extension at rear – 46 Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK - APPROVED

08/99/0662 Erection of a stable block comprising seven loose boxes – Newarth Stables, Newarth Lane, HESKETH BANK – APPEAL DISMISSED

#### PREPARATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEES

The Council considered a report prepared by the Clerk at the request of the Chairman regarding the shortening of minutes.

54/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to provide a shortened version of the minutes of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2000 to enable a comparison to be made at the next meeting.

#### THE DRAFT SCHOOL ORGANISATIONAL PLAN FOR LANCASHIRE

The Council considered a draft letter of response to the Consultation Document prepared by the Chairman and Clerk.

55/2000 RESOLVED:- That the draft be approved and the Clerk be authorised to forward the response to the County Council. ( A copy appears in the Minute Book)

#### DISTRICT COUNCIL AREA CONSULTATIVE FORUMS

The Council considered a draft letter, prepared by the Clerk, to the Chief Executive of the District Council regarding the proposed Constitution and method of working of the new Area Consultative Forums.

56/2000 RESOLVED:- That the draft be approved and the Clerk be authorised to forward the comments to the District Council ( A copy appears in the Minute Book)

## CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND – BOWLING CLUB LEASE

The Clerk and Chairman outlined the current position in relation to the lease for the Bowling and Social Club and the financial situation regarding the access road. Mr Ball indicated that to this date the Football Club had only paid ¼ of what they promised to pay whilst the Bowling Club had paid the full amount.

57/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Clerk be requested to supply all members of the Council with copies of the leases in the form already signed by the Cricket and Football Clubs, and

2. That the Sports Ground Committee be authorised to meet the Bowling and Social Club to assess the latest position with regard to the Club's lease and report back to a future meeting of the Council.  
(The voting on this resolution was FOR – 8, AGAINST – 0, ABSTAINED – 0)

## CREATION OF PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Chairman reported on options for naming the Council's Website.

58/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Chairman be authorised to set up a Council Website with the name "heskethwithbeaconsall-parishcouncil.org.uk", at a cost of approximately £8.00 + VAT for 2 years,

2. That the District Council be advised of the Council's e-mail address when it has been activated.  
(The voting on part 1 of the resolution was FOR – 5, AGAINST – 2, ABSTAINED – 1)

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

1. Speed Limit, Marsh Road, Banks and Shore Road, Hesketh Bank North Meols Parish Council had been advised by the County Council that a site meeting would not be helpful and that an Engineer would visit the site when resources allowed.

59/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to write to Terry Carter at the County Council expressing the Council's disappointment and requesting an urgent meeting and pointing out that Hesketh Bank and Tarleton are the only two villages without red tarmac rumble strips approaching the 30mph limit.

2. Maintenance of Bus Shelters The Council considered the report prepared by Autocross on the bus shelters in the parish. (Mr R Ball left the meeting during the discussion on this item)

60/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That Autocross be requested to do the works provided for in the contract for cleaning and checking the shelters,



2. That Autocross and Mr B Parkinson be requested to provide quotations for painting the shelters indicated as requiring painting, and

3. That provision is made in next year's estimates for the replacement of one of the two worst shelters.

3. Garden Open Day The Council had received a complaint from a resident of Marsh Road about indiscriminate parking on the Annual garden Open Day in June.

61/2000 RESOLVED:- That the resident be advised that the Open Day is not organised by the Parish Council and it is upto the organiser to do something about the problems.

3. Traffic Situation in and around Tarleton and Hesketh Bank The Chairman of Tarleton Parish Council had requested the District Council to assist in assessing the traffic movements in the area in order to formulise a short term remedial strategy and a long term strategy for finding a solution to the problems.

62/2000 RESOLVED:- That the initiative from Tarleton be supported and the District Council be requested to include Hesketh Bank in any project undertaken.

B. Items to Note The following were noted:-

1. Tactile Paving – The County Council were considering the need to change existing policy.

2. Hedges, Road Signs and Street Nameplates – The hedges would be inspected and action taken, the road signs would be replaced at an early date and a reply was still awaited from the District Council regarding street nameplates.

## RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Item for Decision

### Play Equipment Inspection

63/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the action of the Clerk in asking Ian Yates to effect to the repairs notified by the Insurance Company be confirmed, and

2. That the Insurance Company is requested to include the new slide on Glenpark Drive in the policy.

Items received since circulation of agenda.

## REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

64/2000 RESOLVED:- That a Sub-Committee comprising the Chairman; Mrs L Standish-Gore and Messrs B Birkby and J R Foster be appointed to



make recommendations to the full Council for amendments and changes to the Standing Orders of the Council.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

65/2000 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 Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

WAIVING OF STANDING ORDER No 17

66/2000 RESOLVED:- That the provisions of Standing Order No 17 be waived to enable the remaining item of business to be dealt with at this meeting.

CLERK'S CONTRACT AND STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYMENT

67/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk's Contract and Statement of Particulars of Employment be approved and formally submitted by the Chairman of the Council to the Clerk for signature.

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## HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2000 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:- Mr A Murphy (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; N Goodier; L Standish-Gore and  
H Tompkins

Messrs B Birkby and J R Foster

Apologies were received from Messrs I Ashcroft and P J A Sergeant  
And one member of the public was present.

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 24<sup>th</sup> JULY 2000

68/2000 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2000 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Local Agenda 21 – Northern Parishes Public Transport Focus Group  
Mr J R Foster reported on the meeting which discussed the following:-

Morning gap of 1½ hours in the bus service; Direct link from Hesketh Bank to Ormskirk; Number of parents who drive children to school; Extra buses to go through Mere Brow; Experimental all zone ticket (would need District Council contribution); Re-opening of the Burscough curves.

2. West Lancs Environmental Network List of members and Green Directories circulated to Members of the Council.

3. Environmental Issues – Local tips Etc. Only Mr J R Foster had expressed a view on the filling in of the Outmarsh gutters.

4. Transfer of land to Parish Council Mr J R Foster suggested that careful note must be taken of the area of land at Glen Park Drive to be transferred to the Parish Council.

5. The Draft School Organisational Plan for Lancashire The Council's comments would be considered by the Sub-Committee of the County Council.

6. Area Consultative Forums The response to the effect that the workings of the Forums would be reviewed after 12 months was noted.

69/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be nominated to represent the Parish Council at meetings of the Area Consultative Forum.

7. Centenary Sports Ground – Bowling Club Lease The word 'and' was the link between the two parts of the resolution.

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8. Clerk's Contract and Statement of Particulars of Employment The position regarding Income Tax and National Insurance paid by the Clerk was noted.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### A. Items for Decision

###### 1. Lancashire County Council – Modernising Local Government

70/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the County Council's Consultation Document

2. The Future of Waste Management in Lancashire The Chairman undertook to look on the County Council's Website for updates on the latest position.

71/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the County Council's Consultation Document, and

2. That the District Council be requested to provide more re-cycling facilities in the Parish.

###### 3. South Lancashire Health Authority – Proposed Primary Care Trust for West Lancashire

72/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the Consultation Document.

###### 4. The British Association for the Advancement of Science

73/2000 RESOLVED:- That a copy of the letter be passed to the School.

###### 5. The Renewal of Pensioners' Bus Passes

74/2000 RESOLVED:- That the comments made by the resident of Moss Lane be supported with the addition that 50% of the people who qualify in Hesketh Bank do not live near to a bus route, and a copy of the letter be sent to the resident concerned.

6. The Joint Advisory Committee for Strategic Planning The information on this Council held by the Joint Committee was correct.

###### 7. Home-Start West Lancashire

75/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Organisation be invited to address a future meeting of the Parish Council.

8. LAP&TC – Annual General Meeting

76/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be nominated to represent the Council at the AGM of the LAP&TC with Mr I Ashcroft as reserve.

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

1. District Council – Committee Agendas
2. District Council – Members' Briefing Bulletin No 58
3. County Council – Meeting of Southern Area Consultative Committee in Preston on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2000
4. County Council – Local Transport Plan 2001/02 – 2005/06
5. Community Futures Magazine – September 2000 edition
6. LCC Heritage Open Days – 16/17 September 2000

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

77/2000 RESOLVED:- That the following account be paid:-

Lewis Adams Photography – Registration of Domain Name - £ 10.55

2. Annual Audit

78/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Accounts for the Year 1999/2000 be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk for submission to the Auditor.

3. Erection of Concrete Fence between the Centenary Sports Ground and the Village Institute Site The Football Club had agreed to pay £400 towards the cost of the work provided the Club could stage the payments.

79/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Parish Council pay £400 towards the erection of the concrete fence at The Centenary Sports Ground,

2. That the Parish Council pay to the Village Institute a sum of £800 to include the £400 to be paid by the Football Club, and,

3. That the Football Club be allowed to pay the Parish Council the £400 in four equal instalments of £100 provided the full amount is paid before the end of the financial year in March 2001.

B. Items to Note

1. Receipts The following had been received:-

- a. Hesketh Bank Cricket Club – Rental for CSG for 2000/2001 - £213.00 (The Club was unable to contribute to the access road at this time)



- b. Hesketh Bank AFC – Second payment for access road - £250.00

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following subjects were raised:-

The need for the Parish Council to identify points in the village for the traffic monitoring exercise and for the Council to look at sports facilities in the light of a possibility that the facilities at Tarleton could be oversubscribed next year.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### A. Items for Decision

#### 1. Weekly Lists

80/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

No 08/2000/0749 Change of use to residential – Barn at Lambourn, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee)

#### 2. Planning Committee – 31 August 2000

81/2000 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

a. No 08/2000/0549 Proposed access road – ‘Woodholme’, Anchorage Avenue, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – Refused)

b. No 08/2000/0551 Outline –Detached bungalow and garage – Land rear of 160 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – Refused)

#### 3. District Council Planning Seminar

82/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman and Mrs L Standish-Gore be nominated to attend the Seminar on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2000, and the District Council be advised that the afternoon would be more convenient insofar as this Council’s nominations are concerned.

4. “The Brow”, Conservation Area The revised boundaries and Notice of Direction had been received.

83/2000 RESOLVED:- That the revised boundaries be noted, and no comments be made to the District Council on the Notice of Direction.

5. “Poppyfields” Development, off Station Road, Hesketh Bank

The following were noted:-

- a. Morris Homes had requested costings for repairing the hedge and would complete the work if the cost was reasonable. The Divisional County Surveyor was investigating, with Morris Homes, the ownership of the hedge.
- b. The compound was required to remain for health and safety reasons but the area would be reshaped following the compound's removal.
- c. Full cleaning of the drains had been undertaken which would be prepared for adoption by the local authority.

84/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Planning Department be asked why the Public Open Space has not been provided before now bearing in mind that in a development in Tarleton a similar area was provided prior to the commencement of construction.

6. Centenary Sports Ground, Station Road, Hesketh Bank It was noted that the Football Club had applied for permission to retain the caravan for serving refreshments on match days.

7. Parish Map Project The Chairman and Mr J R Foster were providing the information required by the District Council.

85/2000 RESOLVED:- That be permission be sought from the County Council to site the Map at the bottom of Station Road Bridge, near to the Play Area, facing the road.

B. Items to Note The following applications determined since last meeting were noted:-

1. No 08/2000/0601 – Replacement front porch – 1A Guide Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
2. No 08/2000/0145 – Nature pond – land rear of 92 Sidney Avenue, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
3. No 08/20000629 – Front porch – 33 Sidney Avenue, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
4. No 08/20000631 – Conversion and extension of garage to provide living accommodation and attached car port – 167 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
5. No 08/2000/0633 – Two storey extension at side – 34 Pardoe Close, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
6. No 08/20000702 – Single storey extension at rear – 24 Greenfields, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. Items for Decision



1. Speed Limits – Marsh Road, Banks and Shore Road,  
Hesketh Bank

86/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the offer of a meeting with the County Council Officers on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2000 be accepted,

2. That it be suggested that the meeting convene at the corner of Chapel Road and Shore Road, Hesketh Bank at 2.00pm, and

3. That the County Officers be requested to consider the provision of red lines prior to the 30mph speed limit sign on Shore Road in order to reduce the speed of vehicles before they reach the school.

2. Painting of Bus Shelters A quotation had been received from Mr B Parkinson and the Clerk undertook to contact Autocross regarding that company's quotation.

1. Lancashire Police Recovery Scheme

87/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to write to the Chief Constable regarding the Lancashire Police Recovery Scheme

2. Grasscutting – Station Road Bridge

88/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to complain to the County Council about the lack of grasscutting on this area.

3. Closure of Footpath No 5

89/2000 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be asked why the footpath is being closed and why the Parish Council was not notified in advance.

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

Definitive Map – Public Inquiry Claim for a bridleway from Moss Lane to Shore Road

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. Items for Decision

1. Millennium Garden

90/2000 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be asked to undertake an additional clean up of the Millennium Garden.

2. Street Seats

91/2000 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be asked to repair the seat at School Fold.

### 3. Recreation Ground Play Area

92/2000 RESOLVED:- That the police be advised that the Recreation Ground Play Area is being used as a 'drinking den'.

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

Play Area Equipment Repairs – Now completed.

### ITEMS RAISED BY MR J R FOSTER

1. LAP&TC Information Pack Mr Foster asked what benefits were to be gained from membership of the LAP&TC and the Vice-Chairman outlined some of the benefits enjoyed by the Parish Council over the years.

2. Local Council Review It was reported that the Local Council Review was published every month with the copy available for any member of the Council who wished to read it.

### CENTENARY SPORTS GROUND – BOWLING CLUB LEASE

The Club was still considering the Parish Council's offer of a further meeting.

### MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Clerk had produced an alternative copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 200 which complied with the relevant legislation.

93/2000 RESOLVED:- That future minutes of Parish Council meetings be prepared on the basis of the minimum required to comply with legislation.

### PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Chairman reported on the costs of preparing and distributing a newsletter through the Champion weekly free newspaper and members suggested a number of amendments to the Chairman's draft.

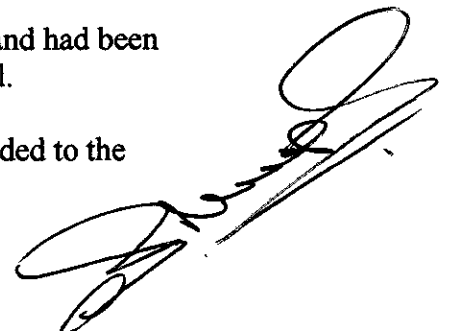
94/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to produce and distribute a Parish newsletter, at 6 monthly intervals, at the following estimated costs:-

- a. Printing - £ 60 per issue
- b. Distribution - £ 22.50 + VAT per issue

### PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Chairman had registered a domain name for the Parish Council and had been designing a Council Website, which was demonstrated to the Council.

95/2000 RESOLVED:- That a Vote of Thanks be extended to the Chairman for his work in designing the Parish Council Website.





## HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2000 in the Village Institute, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:- Mr A Murphy (Chairman)

Mesdames J Birkby; N Goodier; L Standish-Gore and  
H Tompkins

Messrs I Ashcroft; R Ball; B Birkby; J R Foster; J Hunter  
and P Sergeant

Also present: Mrs Cerys Smye-Rumsby (Home-Start West Lancashire)

Apologies were received from the Clerk and Mr J Hunter undertook to take the notes of the meeting to enable the Clerk to write the minutes. Councillor J R Foster questioned whether Councillor Hunter could take the minutes and take part in the meeting and was advised that it was in order.

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2000

96/2000 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2000 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

### HOME-START WEST LANCASHIRE

Mrs Cerys Smye-Rumsby gave a short talk on the work being undertaken in the district by Home-Start West Lancashire. She worked part-time and the organisation would help any family in West Lancashire with referrals coming from Health Centres and Social Workers or, in some cases by self-referral.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Smye-Rumsby for attending the meeting.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Local Agenda 21 – Northern Parishes Public Transport Focus Group – Meeting 26/09/2000 This would be held at North Meols Community Centre on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated to Councillors.

2. Renewal of Pensioners' Bus Passes The response from the District Council, which had been circulated to Members, was noted but concern was expressed about the bus fares for pensioners in Lancashire.

97/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to write to the District Council and the local MP's regarding pensioners' bus fares in Lancashire.



3. Lancashire Police Recovery Scheme An interim reply had been received with a detailed reply to follow.
4. LAP&TC An Information Sheet and copy of the 1998/99 Annual Report had been circulated and details of the AGM for this year were circulated.
5. Under-Age Drinking in Hesketh Bank The Council's concerns had been passed to PC Graham Wilson who would be in touch with the Council in due course.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### A. Items for Decision.

1. LAP&TC – Training Day No-one had applied to go prior to the closing date for nominations.
2. RoSPA – Playing Fields Assessment The cost would be at least £ 250.00 per field and the Council were not enthusiastic.
3. Fire Service Millennium Auction This would be considered at the appropriate time with other request for donations.
4. Community Legal Service Partnership for Central & South Lancashire – Seminar Details were noted.
5. Beacon Millennium Ltd – Beacon Bonfire or Beacon Brazier Details were noted.
6. Tarleton Community Primary School A letter from the Education Department was read out which explained that the Council's nomination, Councillor Mrs H Tompkins, had not been appointed. The Clerk had drafted a proposed reply, which was also read to the meeting.

98/2000 RESOLVED:- That the draft response be reviewed at the next meeting of the Council.

7. Periodic Electoral Review of West Lancashire – Final Recommendations The Council noted that Hesketh Bank would be entitled to 2 District Councillors under these proposals.
8. Best Kept Village Competition The Vice-Chairman reported that the Parish had been awarded the Adlington Trophy for the most improved large village. Details of the presentation would be advised when available.
9. UK Strategy for Radioactive Discharges – Proposed reply from WLDC The proposed response of the District Council to the consultation paper had been circulated to Members.



99/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council's concerns be forwarded to the LAP&TC and the District Council be requested to provide details of samples taken in the River Douglas.

10. West Lancs Environmental Network – Members' News Reports

100/2000 RESOLVED:- That the Network be requested to lobby other Councils in coastal areas with regard to radioactive waste in the sea and in rivers.

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

1. District Council – Agendas
  - a. Executive Committee – 5 September
  - b. Central Services Review Committee – 19 September
  - c. Housing & Health Review Committee – 20 September
  - d. Development & Leisure Review Committee – 21 September
  - e. Licensing & Appeals Committee – 26 September
2. District Council - Members' Updates
  - a. Central Services Review Committee – Issue 2
  - b. Development & Leisure Review Committee – Issue 2
  - c. Housing & Health Review Committee – Issue 2
  - d. Planning Committee – Issues 3 & 4
3. LAP&TC – Summer Newsletter
4. West Lancs Environmental Network – August Update
5. West Lancs CHC – Annual Report 1999/2000
6. Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2000
7. Local Council Review – September 2000
8. West Lancashire Police and Community Forum – Monday 2 October 2000 at Tarleton High School
9. West Lancashire Housing Strategy Statement 2000-2003 - First Revision July 2000

FINANCE

A. Items for Decision

1. Accounts for Payment

101/2000 RESOLVED:- 1. That the action of the Clerk and Chairman, in authorising the payment of the following account, be confirmed:-

Champion Newspapers – Delivery of Newsletter -

£ 26.44