

Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council

Council Meeting Minutes

1st April 2002 – 31st March 2003

COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR

Councillor C Iain Ashcroft

Councillor Raymond C Ball (Chairman)

Councillor Brian Birkby

Councillor Joan Birkby (Died July 2002)

Councillor J Robert Foster

Councillor Norma M Goodier

Councillor John Hunter

Councillor Rev'd Richard Plant (Elected October 2002)

Councillor Antony P Murphy

Councillor Paul J A Sergeant

Councillor Lesley Standish-Gore

Councillor Hilary J Tompkins

CLERK & R.F.O.

Mr Brian W Rimmer (Resigned January 2003)

Mr Rodney Sears (Appointed February 2003)

HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 15 April 2002 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.00pm

PRESENT:- Councillor R Ball (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs J Birkby, Mrs N M Goodier, Mrs L Standish-Gore and Mrs H Tompkins

Councillors I Ashcroft, B Birkby, J R Foster, J Hunter, A Murphy and P J A Sergeant

Thirteen members of the press and public were present.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 MARCH 2002

177/2001 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2002 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

FINANCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. Accounts for Payment

178/2001 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Autocross – Bus Shelter- Chapel Road/Pardoe Close – New panels
- £470.00
- b. LAP&TC – Annual Subscription 2002/2003 - £399.73
- c. Shaw & Sons Ltd. – Code of Conduct Forms - £ 34.26

B. TO NOTE

1. Receipts The following payments had been received:-

- a. Hesketh Bank AFC – CSG Rental - £190.00
- b. Mr M H Whiteside – Allotment Rent - £ 36.00

PLANNING MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

179/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. No 08/2002/0251 – Erection of building for storage and refrigeration of produce (Revised scheme to Planning Permission 08/2000/1170) – 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Planning Committee) (Included on Planning Committee Agenda for 18 April 2002)

- b. No 08/2002/0253 – Retention of hardstanding area – 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Planning Committee) (Included on Planning Committee Agenda for 18 April 2002)
- c. No 08/2002/0229 – Conservatory at rear – 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)
- d. No 08/2002/0249 – Single storey extension at rear with living accommodation in roof space above – 5 Becconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)
- e. No 08/2002/0257 – Conservatory at rear – 27 Woodlee Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)
- f. No 08/2002/0266 – Replacement single storey office, mess room and garage – 484 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)
- g. No 08/2002/0267 – Portacabin to be used as office (renewal of Planning Permission 08/99/0257) – 330 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)
- h. No 08/2002/0274 – First floor extension at rear – Helmdale, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)
- i. No 08/2002/0284 – Retention of portacabin 6m x 3m for use as office accommodation (Renewal of Planning Permission 08/2000/0288) – 9 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services)

2. That following comments be made in respect of application No 08/2002/0311 – Outline – Detached dwelling (including details of siting and means of access) – Land adjacent 109 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services):-

The Parish Council is concerned about access to the site and request adequate sight lines are provided by the applicant.

3. That following comments be made in respect of application No 08/2002/0315 – Detached bungalow and garage and detached garage to serve No 24 Moss Lane – Land rear of 24 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning & Development Services):-

The Parish Council is concerned at the access point onto Moss Lane, which is at a dangerous point in the road bearing in mind application No 08/2002/0144 for 13 houses, which is in the vicinity of this application.

2. Planning Committee – 18 April 2002

180/2001 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. Report No 31. Application No 08/02/0253 - Retention of hardstanding – 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION – Refused – Green Belt Policy)

- b. Report No 32. Enforcement Item No E/02/0008 - Creation of hardstanding – 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION – Issue an Enforcement Notice, return site to condition suitable for growing of agricultural produce within 1 month of date of Notice taking effect. – Reason – Green Belt Policy)
- c. Report No 33. Application No 08/02/0251 - Erection of building for storage and refrigeration of produce (Revised scheme to Planning Permission 08/2000/1170) – 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (RECOMMENDATION – Granted)
- d. Report No 34. Enforcement Item No E/02/0005 - Use of land as Caravan Site – 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK
- e. Report No 35. Enforcement Item No E/02/0006 - Use of land as Caravan Site – Land adj. to Cedars, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK
- f. Report No 36. Enforcement item No E/02/0007 - Use of land as Caravan Site – Land at Long Croft, Boundary Lane, HESKETH BANK (This site is actually in North Meols) (RECOMMENDATION for d, e & f – Issue Enforcement Notice, Caravans to be removed within 1 month of date of Notice taking effect. Reasons – Green Belt Policies and Use of land for siting caravans harms the distinctive character and quality of Northern Mosses Natural Area and conflicts with Policy LN.1 of the West Lancashire Local Plan)
- g. Report No 37. Application No 08/02/0673 - Replacement dwelling – Wood Farm, Boundary Meanygate, Tarleton (The District Council puts this site in Hesketh-with-Becconsall) (RECOMMENDATION – Granted)

3. Application No 08/2002/0144 – Erection of 13 detached houses with 7 detached garages; provision of new access road and landscaping scheme - Land at Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Councillor J R Foster declared an interest in this item)

181/2001 RESOLVED:- That the following comments be made on this item:- Proposed access is on one of the most dangerous corners in the village; the road is used by many HGV's both from the UK and Overseas, the latter with drivers unfamiliar with the area; existing drainage in the Parish is under severe pressure and the erection of a further 13 houses will only exacerbate the situation; there is already a lack of local services in the area, the schools are full and doctors, dentists etc are at a premium, again additional houses will exacerbate the situation; the Parish Council strongly urge the members of the Planning Committee to undertake a site visit before determining this application.

4. Item received since circulation of Agenda

The following amended planning application was considered:-

No 08/02/0074 – Outline – erection of 4 detached houses, construction of gated field access (including details of siting and means of access) – (Amendment – Turning areas have been provided for each of the proposed dwellings)

182/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council registers its concern about access to these sites which are at the top of a brow leading down to Shore Road on which cars are usually parked on both sides of the road, and about the drainage situation in the Parish which is currently under severe pressure to cope with existing dwellings in the Parish.

B. TO NOTE

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

- a. No 08/2002/0056 – Single storey extension at front/side – 17 Woodlee Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- b. No 08/2001/1231 – Two storey extension at rear, conservatory at side and detached double garage at rear – 132 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- c. No 08/2002/0083 – Two storey extension at side and single storey extension at rear – 1 Guide Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- d. No 08/2002/0022 – Detached garage at rear – 1a Chapel Gardens, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- e. No 08/02/0138 – Conversion of garage into living accommodation & replace existing doors with windows – 2 Bluebell Close, HESKETH BANK - GRANTED
- f. No 08/02/0142 – Retention of portable buildings (for office use); two storage containers and a diesel tank and provision of car parking spaces - Land rear of 410 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK – GRANTED
- g. No 08/02/0171 – Siting of portacabin at rear to provide additional office accommodation – Land rear of 7-9 Station Road, HESKETH BANK – GRANTED
- h. No 08/02/0158 – Single storey extension at side – 55 Sidney Avenue, HESKETH BANK – GRANTED
- i. No 08/02/0199 – Conservatory at rear – 17 School Fold, HESKETH BANK – GRANTED

COUNCILLOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT

The Parish Council considered a report on the Code of Conduct, which must be signed by all Parish Councillors within 2 months of its adoption by the Council, and regulations in respect of the Registers of Interests and Gifts and Hospitality. The Clerk reported on discussions with the Clerk of North Meols Parish Council in respect of the advertisement relating to the adoption of the Code of Conduct.

183/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That the Code of Conduct for Councillors be adopted with effect from 15 April 2002,

2. That the Clerk be authorised to arrange for a joint advertisement for Hesketh-with-Becconsall and North Meols Parish Councils to be placed in a local newspaper with the cost being met by Hesketh-with-Becconsall Parish Council and half being reclaimed from North Meols Parish Council, and,

3. That the Clerk be authorised to notify the District Council and the Standards Board of the adoption of the Code of Conduct.

WEST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S RECEPTION – 26 APRIL 2002

An invitation had been received for the Chairman &/or Clerk and Guest to attend the reception on Friday 26 April 2002 at ORMSKIRK at 7.30pm.

184/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be nominated to attend the District Council's Chairman's Reception on 26 April 2002.

HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 22 April 2002 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm

PRESENT:- Councillor R Ball (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs L Standish-Gore and Mrs H Tompkins

Councillors I Ashcroft, B Birkby, J R Foster and A Murphy

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J Birkby, Mrs N M Goodier, J Hunter and P J A Sergeant and 6 members of the public were present.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 MARCH 2002

1. Partnered Parish Council Community Warden Scheme The District Council had provided the following contact numbers for the Community Warden Scheme:-

Steve Jones – 01695 585208 Email steve.jones@westlancsdc.gov.uk

Community Wardens – 01695 735426 (9.00am to 5.00pm)

A form for reporting 'hot spot' sites had also been received which the Clerk would circulate to all Members of the Council.

2. REAL Project There had been staff changes and the project should now start in May/June. Councillor Mrs H Tompkins reported that the new contact person would be available to attend a meeting on Monday 20 May 2002. It was also suggested that it would probably be advisable to have a refresher before going into the project. Councillor B Birkby said he would book the meeting room.

185/2001 RESOLVED:- That a meeting of the Council be held on Monday 20 May 2002 at 7.30pm to discuss the REAL Project.

3. Street Seat- Moss Lane/Boundary Lane It was reported that the seat had been upturned again. It was also suggested that the Community Wardens but be willing to go into the local school to talk to the children, if asked.

186/2001 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be requested to secure the seat to prevent it from being moved.

4. Shore Road – Footways The work had been programmed but of low priority.

187/2001 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be advised that this work has not been done for 2 years and at certain points the footway is down to a width of 18".

5. Refuse and Street Cleansing in Hesketh Bank Dates for a meeting with Officers of the District Council were still awaited. It was reported that wagons serving the house builders on Station Road/Chapel Road were continually depositing mud off the sites onto the road way. Also Alty's still did not have wheel wash facilities.

188/2001 RESOLVED:-
Council for dates for a meeting,

1. That the Clerk chase up the District Council for dates for a meeting,
2. That the Clerk writes to Alty's requesting a meeting with the Chairman of the Council and Councillor B Birkby, and
3. That the Clerk writes to Chelmere Homes and Morris Homes to request a meeting with Company officials regarding the depositing of mud on the roads in the village.

6. The Brow Wall The Chief Executive of the District Council had forwarded copies of the latest structural reports, which were confidential, and indicated that the wall was not in any immediate danger.

7. Parish Map Project There was nothing further to report. The Clerk was requested to write to the Executive Manager, Planning and Development regarding this issue.

8. WLDC - H-w-B Housing Needs Strategy The questionnaires had been circulated to 50% of households in the parish.

9. Planting of Parish Oak Tree Some photographs of the ceremony had been received from the District Council.

10. Dog Control Services Dates for a meeting were still awaited.

11. Clifton Marsh Landfill Site The County Council used the site for household waste but the Environment Agency controlled the use of the site.

189/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to contact the Environment Agency regarding the types of waste being deposited at Clifton Marsh Landfill Site.

12. National Cycle Route : Preston to Southport A revised map had been received.

190/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That the County Council be advised that the Parish Council support a route alongside the River provided work was done to improve the existing right of way,

2. That the Parish Council would support investigations being undertaken into the cost of a river crossing for cyclists/walkers etc., and

3. That the Parish Council would be interested in receiving details of cycle racks for installation in the center of the village.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following subjects were discussed:- The Resolution passed at the Annual Assembly; the removal of top soil from the Chelmere Homes site; the proposed development of the former Barn Club site; a Coastal Path along the river and a trestle bridge across the river; and meeting current developers to discuss concerns in the village.

In respect of the development in Moss Lane, it was suggested that bungalows would be more appropriate than detached houses especially as the site was near the village center; that the barn could be converted to 3 or 4 dwellings with a car park at the rear and that there was an old village well on the site.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. Flower Baskets – Station Road One had been removed at the request of the County Council.

191/2001 RESOLVED:- That Councillor Mrs. H Tompkins be authorised to arrange for new brackets to be provided where necessary.

2. Transfer of Licence – Beconsall Hotel

192/2001 RESOLVED:- That no objections be made to the transfer of the Licence for the Beconsall Hotel.

3. Morris Homes – ‘Poppyfields’ Development Morris Homes claimed to have re-surfaced The Brow but it was not acceptable to the Parish Council.

193/2001 RESOLVED:- That Morris Homes and the County Council be advised that the state of The Brow was not acceptable for adoption by the County Council.

4. Transport Needs Assessment Survey A copy had been received from Tareton Parish Council and the Clerk would copy the relevant pages for Members of this Council.
5. LAP&TC Newsletter The following courses were being organized by LAP&TC:-

a. Guidance to Parish Councillors re- Standards Board Saturday 4 May 2002 at County Hall from 10.00am to 12.30pm – No-one was able to attend.

b. New Lighter Touch Audit Regime Saturday 11 May at Barton Village Hall – AM or PM at a cost of £5.00.

194/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to attend the Audit Course on 11 May 2002 at a cost of £5.00.

B. TO NOTE The following items were noted:-

1. Lancs County Council – Heritage Open Days: 13-16 September 2002
2. Northern Parishes Public Transport Focus Group – 11 February 2002
3. WLDC – Community Safety Newsletter
4. WLDC – Northern Parishes Area Consultative Forum – 7 March 2002
5. WLDC Committees
 - a. Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 26 March 2002
 - b. Housing & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 27 March 2002
 - c. Development & Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 28 March 2002
 - d. Executive Committee – 9 April 2002
 - e. Licensing & Appeals Committee – 10 April 2002
 - f. Housing & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 24 April 2002
 - g. Development & Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 25 April 2002
 - h. Full Council Meeting – 25 April 2002
6. LAP&TC – West Lancs Area Committee – 12 April 2002
7. WLDC – Members Updates
 - a. Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 9
 - b. Development & Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 9
 - c. Housing & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 9
 - d. Licensing & Appeals Committee – Issue 3
 - e. Planning Committee – Issue 11
 - f. Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 10
 - g. Development & Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 10
 - h. Housing & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 10
8. DEFRA (Dept. of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs) Letter from Minister for Rural Affairs
9. CVS West Lancashire - -Commonwealth Games Tickets
10. Community Futures Magazine No 12
11. Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2002
12. Local Council Review – March 2002
13. Guide to Events in Lancashire

195/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Minister for Rural Affairs, Rt. Hon. Alun Michael MP, be invited to visit the Parish and perhaps attend a meeting of residents.

FINANCE

- A. FOR DECISION
1. Accounts for Payment

196/2001 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. B Parkinson – New Notice Board – Station Road/Chapel Road
- £270.00
- b. Liverpool Daily Post & Echo – Advertisement for Code of Conduct
- £128.80
(A sum of £64.40 to be reclaimed from North Meols Parish Council)
- c. Cornhill Insurance – Premium - £494.94
(Clerk to write to complain about the size of the increase and also to ask for details of the use and format of disclaimer notices)

- B. TO NOTE The following were noted:-

1. New Audit Regime for Parish Councils – The Parish Council's Auditors would be Burnett Swayne of Southampton
2. Parish Council Capital Bids 2002/2003 - Scheme Nos. 1 – 6 on the approved list could proceed; this Council's scheme was No. 7.
3. WLDC Revenue Budget & Capital Programme 2002/2003
4. Parish Council Donations – Acknowledgements had been received from the 6 organisations granted donations.
5. Receipts – West Lancashire District Council – Precept – 1st payment - £8663.50

PLANNING MATTERS

- A. FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists There were no items affecting this Parish.
2. App. No 08/2002/00 - O/L erection of replacement dwelling house (including details of siting and means of access) – 268 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK – amended application – Size of dwelling and site area reduced.

197/2001 RESOLVED:- That no comment be made on this revised application.

3. Planning Committee – Thursday 18 April 2002

- a. App. No 08/2001/0673 – Replacement dwelling – Wood Farm, Boundary Meanygate, Tarleton – This was refused on the grounds of intrusion in the Green Belt.
- b. Siting of caravans - The Enforcement Notices were agreed.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

- 198/2001 RESOLVED:-
- 1. That Councillor Mrs. H Tompkins be appointed Co-ordinator for the Best Kept Village Competition 2002,
 - 2. That the Entry Fee of £10.00 be paid,
 - 3. That details of the Schools Competition be given to Councillor I Ashcroft to pass to the Headteacher of Hesketh-with-Becconsall CE School.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Centenary Sports Ground

- 199/2001 RESOLVED:- That no objection be made to the Cricket Club refurbishing and putting a lock on the 5 bar gate at side entrance to the cricket field.

2. Recreation Ground, Shore Road

a. Play Area

- 200/2001 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk in asking Ian Yates to look at the broken roundabout be confirmed.

b. Football Pitch

- 201/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Headteacher of the School be requested to try to keep the children off the re-seeded parts of the football pitch until the School Sports Day in July.

3. Station Road Play Area

- 202/2001 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be requested to try to remove the graffiti off the rocket climbing frame.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Station Road/Chapel Road

- 203/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be again asked to report the loose kerbs at this location.

2. The Brow

204/2001 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be advised that the handrail and finger post at the bottom of The Brow are broken.

3. Delta Park Estate – Litter Bin Councillor J R Foster undertook to report that this bin had been removed.

4. Glenpark Drive – Parking Restrictions

205/2001 RESOLVED:- That the County Surveyor be asked what had happened to the scheme for parking restrictions on Glenpark Drive near the play area.

5. Station Road (The Brow) and Marsh Road

206/2001 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be advised of the many potholes in the carriageway at these locations.

ALLOTMENTS

A. FOR DECISION

207/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to speak to Mr. S Trippier about the list of current tenants; who cleaning the ditches the last time the Parish Council paid for their cleaning; and the possibility of work being undertaken to alleviate the work lying across the middle of the field.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Councillor A Murphy was no longer able to undertake updates of the site, which was now out-of-date.

208/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to contact www.heskethbank.com to see if assistance can be given in keeping the Parish Council's Web Site up-to-date.

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HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 13 May 2002 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm

PRESENT:- Councillor R Ball (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs J Birkby, Mrs N Goodier, Mrs L Standish-Gore and Mrs H Tompkins

Councillors I Ashcroft, B Birkby, J R Foster, A Murphy and P J A Sergeant

Apologies were received from Councillor J Hunter and 4 members of the public were present.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was MOVED by Councillor L Standish-Gore and SECONDED by Councillor H Tompkins that Councillor R Ball be elected chairman of the Council for the year 2002/2003.

An amendment was MOVED by Councillor N Goodier and SECONDED by Councillor A Murphy that Councillor P J A Sergeant be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 2002/2003.

Upon being put Councillor Ball received 6 votes and Councillor Sergeant received 3 votes whereupon it was

209/2001 RESOLVED:- That Councillor R Ball be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 2002/2003

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was MOVED by Councillor R Ball, SECONDED by Councillor H Tompkins and

210/2001 RESOLVED:- That Councillor L Standish-Gore be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 2002/2003

MINUTE SOF MEETINGS HELD ON 15 AND 22 APRIL 2002

211/2001 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 15 and 22 April 2002 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL 2002

1. Code of Conduct The Standards Board for England and the District Council had been advised of the adoption of the Code and an account had been sent to North Meols Parish Council for half of the cost of the newspaper advertisement.
2. District Council Chairman's Reception The Chairman of the Parish Council had not been able to attend this event.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 2002

1. Partnered Parish Council Community Warden Scheme Copies of the 'Hot Spots' form had been circulated to members of the Council. A new Community Safety Newsletter had also been circulated which indicated that a new application was to be made to Government for finance to extend the current scheme in the Parishes.
2. REAL Project Councillor Mrs H Tompkins reported that a meeting had been arranged for next Monday 20 May 2002. at 7.30pm when a full run down on the project would be given.
3. Street Seat- Moss Lane/Boundary Lane It was reported that the seat was in place last week and Mr. B Parkinson had been asked to secure it.
4. Shore Road – Footways The County Council hoped to substantially complete the work by the end of the year. The Chairman undertook to speak to Mr. M Walsh about this issue.
5. Refuse and Street Cleansing in Hesketh Bank Officers of the District Council would meet at the Chairman's house on Thursday 16 May 2002 at 2.00pm.
6. Alty's Tip A response was still awaited from the Company.
7. Mud on Roads Etc. The Clerk was still to write to Chelmere Homes, Morris Homes and Bellway Homes regarding a meeting with Company officials regarding the depositing of mud on the roads in the village.
8. Parish Map Project A response was still awaited from the District Council.
9. Dog Control Services Arrangements would be made for a talk to be given when the dates of future Council meetings had been fixed.
10. Clifton Marsh Landfill Site The Environment Agency had supplied a list of the waste materials, which are allowed to be tipped on the site.
11. National Cycle Route: Preston to Southport Details of cycle racks were still awaited.
12. Transfer of Licence – Becconsall Hotel An alternative application had now been made.

212/2001 RESOLVED:- That no objections be made to the transfer of the Licence for the Becconsall Hotel.

13. Douglas View – The Brow off Station Road Morris Homes claimed that the works had been considered acceptable to the County Council.

213/2001 RESOLVED:- That the County Council be advised of the Parish Council's views on the works claimed to have been done on Douglas View.

14. Minister for Rural Affairs An invitation had been sent and a reply awaited.

15. Best Kept Village Competition The entry had been made and a quotation for watering and looking after the flower baskets had been obtained in the sum of £2.50 per basket per visit. The total cost was well above the amount included in this year's budget.

214/2001 RESOLVED:- That the flower baskets be not erected this year and the issue be looked at again next year.

16. Centenary Sports Ground The Cricket Club had been advised that the Council had no objection to their plans for the gate.

17. Recreation Ground – Shore Road The School has been requested not to use the re-seeded area of the football pitch. It was suggested that there was a drain blocked on the ground. It was agreed to discuss it at the next meeting.

Councillor I Ashcroft arrived at this point in the meeting.

18. Highways Matters These were with Mr. M Walsh at the Area Surveyor's office.

215/2001 RESOLVED: ^{the} That the Area County Surveyor be requested to look at the carriageway and ~~channel~~ near to the mini roundabout in Chapel Road, which requires re-instatement.

AS
'L cutting across the carriageway

19. Golden Jubilee Celebrations A report was given on the latest position regarding the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. 39 floats had been entered, of which 3 had entered via the Parish Clerk. The floats would line up in Chapel Road and leave at 12 noon with others lining up at Alty's and joining the procession as it passed along Station Road towards Hesketh Lane. The procession would make its way to Tarleton Playing Fields where there would be a fairground, bouncy castle, hog roast, barbeque etc. Posters were being distributed and the event would be publicized in the local press.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

216/2001 RESOLVED:- That the following Committees be appointed for the year 2002/2003:-

a. Recreation Committee Chairman, Councillors N Goodier, I Ashcroft, B Birkby, A Murphy

b. Allotments Committee Chairman, Councillors J R Foster, J Hunter, A Murphy, P J A Sergeant

c. Footpaths, Tree Wardens & Environmental Issues Committee
Chairman, Councillors H Tompkins, J R Foster, J Hunter, A Murphy

d. Centenary Sports Ground Committee Chairman, Councillors N Goodier, L Standish-Gore, B Birkby, A Murphy

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

217/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following appointments be made to the Outside Bodies indicated:-

- a. Hesketh-with-Becconsall CE School – Councillor N Goodier
- b. Lancashire Association of Parish & Town Councils – Chairman, Councillors I Ashcroft, A Murphy
- c. Hesketh Village Institute – Councillor P J A Sergeant
- d. Lancashire Playing Fields Association – Councillor P J A Sergeant
- e. Council for Protection of Rural England – Councillor L Standish-Gore
- f. West Lancashire Environmental Network – Councillor J R Foster
- g. Wets Lancashire Rights of Way & Access Forum – Councillor J R Foster
- h. Layfield Charity – Councillor N Goodier
- i. Tree Warden – Councillor H Tompkins
- j. Northern Parishes Area Consultative Forum – Councillor N Goodier
- k. Tarleton High School – Swimming Pool Users Committee – Chairman
- l. Local Agenda 21
 - i. Northern Parishes Public Transport Focus Group – Whichever Councillors are available when meetings are held
 - ii Road Issues Focus Group – Whichever Councillors are available when meetings are held.

2. That Hesketh Village Institute be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council

LAYFIELD CHARITY

Councillor N Goodier reported on the activities of the Charity. Each Parish has £500 to distribute and records must be provided to the Rector of Croston for the Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY – 15 APRIL 2002

218/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following recommendation of the Annual Assembly be approved and adopted:-

That this Parish Assembly calls upon the Parish Council to arrange a Public Meeting, as soon as practicable, to discuss problems relating to drainage and sewerage, water supplies and housing developments in the village. (This was unanimous)

2. That preliminary contact be made with the following Organisations/Authorities, with a view to a meeting being held in late September/early October 2002:-

Environment Agency, United Utilities, District Council Planning & Development Dept, District Council Environmental Health Dept, Mr D Borrow MP, Morris Homes, Chelmere Homes, Bellway Homes

Councillors J Birkby and B Birkby left the meeting at this point.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman made an announcement regarding Councillor J Birkby and it was agreed that the Chairman would arrange for a bouquet of flowers to be sent to Councillor J Birkby

CORRESPONDENCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. NALC – National Conference – Preston 14–16 June 2002

219/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be authorised to attend the National Conference on the Saturday.

2. Road Issues Focus Group – Tuesday 14 May 2002 No-one was able to attend due to the Jubilee Committee meeting on the same night.
3. LCC – Bus Shelters

220/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be authorised to complete the bus shelter return and forward it to the County Council.

B. TO NOTE The following items were noted:-

1. WLDC – Members' Update – Planning Committee
2. West Lancashire Dial-a-Ride Association – Notices (One to be sent to Cropper Gardens)
3. Lancs. County Council – Youth Service Open Nights
4. WLDC – Best Value Performance Plan
5. Lancs. Fire & Rescue Service – Burning Issues Newspaper
6. CIC Newsletter
7. Local Council Review – May 2002 Issue
8. West Lancs. CVS Bulletin – May 2002
9. WLDC – Council Meeting Agenda – 15 May 2002

FINANCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. Accounts for Payment

221/2001 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

Ian Yates – Repairs & Inspections to Play Equipment - £311.37

2. New Audit Regime The Clerk reported on the Course he had attended on Saturday and the fears that the new regime would provide an open cheque for the appointed Auditors. There was also a need for the Council to appoint an Independent Internal Auditor.

222/2001 RESOLVED:- That the West Lancashire Area Committee of LAPTC be requested to consider a scheme whereby the Clerks of Councils undertake Internal Audits for other Councils on an area basis, provided that Clerks did not audit each other's accounts.

B. TO NOTE The following were noted:-

1. Receipts – The following had been received:-

WLDC - First Half of Concurrent Expenditure - £2353.43

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following subjects were discussed:- LAP&TC – West Lancashire Area Committee; The Standards Board for England and a suggestion that Parish Councils should have 2 representatives on the District Council's Standards Committee; Northern Parishes Public Transport Focus Group; Local Council Review Article.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

223/2001 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following application:-

Application No 08/2002/0440 – Reserved Matters – Erection of one detached dormer bungalow – Land at 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager Planning/Development Services)

2. 140 Station Road, Hesketh Bank

224/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Planning and Environmental Health Departments of the District Council be asked to investigate the use of this land as a caravan park and the dumping of sewage into a manhole on land owned by the Parish Council.

3. Application No 08/2002/014 – Erection of 13 houses, Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank (Councillor J R Foster declared an interest in this application and left the meeting during consideration of the item)

An amended plan had been received reducing the number of garages from 7 to 6.

The Clerk had still to write to the Builder regarding the construction of this development.

Councillor J R Foster returned to the meeting

4. Planning Committee – 16 May 2002

225/2001 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on these applications:-

a. No 08/2001/0673 – Replacement dwelling, Wood Farm, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED)

b. No 08/2002/0249 – Single storey extension at rear with living accommodation in roof space above – 5 Beconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED)

c. No 08/2002/0267 – Portacabin to be used as office (Renewal of 08/99/0257) – 330 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED)

d. No 08/2002/0189 – O/L Erection of replacement dwelling house (inc. details of siting and means of access) – 268 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED)

e. No 08/2002/1237 – Extension to existing workshop & store for use for storage and repair of horticultural machinery & equipment – 160 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED)

B. TO NOTE The following were noted:-

1. Applications determined since last meeting:-

No 08/2002/0222 – Two-storey extension at side – 66 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0229 – Conservatory at rear – 165 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0257 – Conservatory at rear – 27 Woodlee Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0274 – First floor extension at rear – Helmdale, Shore Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0284 – Retention portacabin 6m x 3m for use as office accommodation (renewal of planning permission 08/2000/0288) – 9 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0251 – Erection of building for storage and refrigeration of produce (Revised scheme to Planning Permission 08/2000/1170) – 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0266 – Replacement single storey office, mess room and garage – 484 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

2. Enforcement Notices to be Issued:-

No E/2002/0005 – Use of land as a caravan site – 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK

No E/2002/0006 – Use of land as caravan site – Land adj. Cedars, Boundary Meanygate, HESKETH BANK

No E/2002/0008 – Creation of hardstanding – 467 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Play Areas - Inspections

- 226/2001 RESOLVED:-
1. That Mr. B Parkinson be requested to provide a quotation for removing the moss and weeds from the safety surfacing at the Play Areas,
 2. That Mr. B Parkinson and Mr. I Yates be requested to provide quotations for repainting various items of play equipment at the Play Areas,
 3. That Mr. B Parkinson and Mr. I Yates requested to provide quotations for replacing the smashed concrete flags by the seat at the Recreation Ground, Shore Road,
 4. That Mr B Parkinson be requested to provide a quotation for the maintenance of the Recreation Ground, Shore Road, on the same basis as last year, with an additional quotation for grass cutting all the private gardens on Cropper Gardens on the basis of 5 cuts per year.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Moss Lane – Speeding A letter from a resident of Moss Lane had been received and Councillor H Tompkins reported on a recent meeting with the Police when it had been indicated that the Police would be using hidden vans with speeding equipment and also would be looking at possible traffic calming measures.

227/2001 RESOLVED:- That the letter be passed to the Police with a request that they investigate the possibility of reducing the speed limit on Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank.

2. Lower Speed Limits Councillor J R Foster raised the question of general speed limits in the Parish. The speed limit on the dual carriageway was to be lowered to 50mph whilst Shore Road and Moss Lane would stay at 60 mph.

The Chairman maintained that most of the accidents on Shore Road were caused by a combination of speed and mud on the road.

228/2001 RESOLVED:- That the Police be requested to look again at the speed limit on Shore Road in the light of the impending reduction on the dual carriageway especially in the section in the vicinity of 'Bucks' Bend.

3. School Fold

229/2001 RESOLVED:- That Mr A Coxhead be requested to cut the School Fold hedge as soon as practicable and to clear up the lose clippings on completion.

Councillor P J A Sergeant left the meeting during consideration of the above item

ALLOTMENTS

A. FOR DECISION

Numbering and Allocation of Plots Councillor J R Foster asked about the numbering of the allotments and was advised that there were 20 plots with the numbers at the start of each plot. The Clerk reported that Mr. S Trippier had now advised which plots were being worked.

- 230/2001 RESOLVED:-
1. That the Clerk be authorised to allocate empty plots to persons on the waiting list,
 2. That the question of a new drain across the allotments be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

231/2001 RESOLVED:- 1. That future meetings of the Council be held on the following dates, all meetings to be held at The Village Institute, Library Building commencing at 7.30pm:-

Monday 10 June 2002	Monday 22 July 2002
Monday 2 September 2002	Monday 30 September 2002
Monday 4 November 2002	Monday 2 December 2002
Monday 13 January 2003	Monday 10 February 2003
Monday 10 March 2003	Monday 7 April 2003
Monday 12 May 2003 (Annual Meeting)	

2. That the Annual Parish Assembly be held on Monday 14 April 2003 in the Village Institute, Library Building commencing at 7.30pm.

HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 10 June 2002 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm

PRESENT:- Councillor R Ball (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs L Standish-Gore and Mrs H Tompkins

Councillors I Ashcroft, B Birkby, J R Foster and A Murphy

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J Birkby, Mrs N Goodier, J Hunter and PJA Sergeant and 5 members of the press and public were present.

THE REAL PROJECT (Ms Desna Mackenzie attended for this item)

Ms Mackenzie explained that the project was a Community Audit involving as many members of the community as possible.

Following this presentation the next stage was a similar presentation to local groups. At that time, a Steering Group would be formed and an Exhibition day organised.

Various questionnaires would be completed by those attending the exhibition whilst each household would also get one. These would be analysed and put into a written report about the village. The report would be presented back to the community and various Action Groups formed to implement the findings. The Real Project would be able to give assistance by putting the Groups in touch with possible means of funding and service providers.

In reply to questions and comments, Ms Mackenzie indicated that questionnaires would be distributed on the basis of 1 per household each with a pre-paid envelope; that either Real or the Steering Group would write the report, or they could both be involved; that Real would also be available to help and assist and would attend meetings of the Steering Group if possible; and that a list of local groups, businesses, farmers was required so they could be invited to the next presentation.

It was agreed that the Community presentation would be held on Monday 8 July at 8.00pm in the Village Institute Building at the rear of the site with the Community exhibition being targeted for mid/late September. A list of Groups to invite would be prepared by Councillor Mrs H Tompkins and passed to Ms Mackenzie.

It was indicated that the Community Presentation Day in Tarleton had been set for Friday 14 June 2002 with static displays from 2.00pm to 8.00pm. Live feedback sessions would be held at 4.30pm and 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked Ms Mackenzie for attending the meeting.

Councillor I Ashcroft arrived at this point.

RB.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2002

1/2002 RESOLVED:- That, subject to the following amendment, the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 May 2002 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 3 Minute 215/2001 to read – That the Area County Surveyor be requested to look at the carriageway and the channel cutting across the carriageway near to the mini roundabout in Chapel Road which requires re-instatement.

Councillor Mrs L Standish-Gore arrived during consideration of the above item.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Code of Conduct A consultation paper on Local Investigation and Determination of Misconduct Allegations had been received. This suggested that an Independent Chairman be appointed to deal with the determination of matters referred to local Standards Committees.

Councillor I Ashcroft indicated that District Councillors were being advised not to take a view on planning issues at Parish Council meetings.

2. Street Seat- Moss Lane/Boundary Lane There was nothing to report on this issue.
3. Shore Road – Footways The County Council would still only do this work when they can.
4. Refuse and Street Cleansing in Hesketh Bank Officers of the District Council had met the Chairman and, as a result, the footways on Station Road had been cleaned.
5. Remaining Items The remaining items were deferred to enable urgent business to be completed at this meeting.

FINANCE

- A. FOR DECISION
 1. Accounts for Payment

2/2002 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Ian Yates – Repairs & Inspections to Play Equipment - £155.10
- b. G V Iddon – Flowers - £20.00
- c. B W Rimmer – Various payments (Golden Jubilee Medals, Training Fee & NALC Conference) - £133.08
- d. Hesketh Bank Village Institute – Rental & Grant - £1180.00
- e. B Parkinson – Various works (General maintenance, Removal of sand, Replace manhole, Paint out graffiti) - £310.00

PLANNING MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

3/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That the following comments be made to the Planning Department:-

No 08/2002/0535 – Erection of 27m high replacement lattice telecommunications tower with two 600m dishes, three antennae; relocation of existing equipment onto tower (overall height 31.5m); equipment housing cabinets; 2.4m high chain link boundary fence and new entrance gates – Henry Alty Ltd., Station Road, HESKETH BANK (To go to Committee) - That an objection be made on the grounds of visual amenity and the possible danger to the health of nearby residents.

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

a. No 08/2002/0495 – Removal of Agricultural Occupancy condition on planning permission 8/79/796 and condition relating to approval of reserved matters on 8/80/307 – 127 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning and Development Services)

b. No 08/2002/0534 – Erection of greenhouse – 390 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning and Development Services)

c. No 08/2002/0602 – Single storey 'granddad' annex at rear – 196 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning and Development Services)

2. 140 Station Road, Hesketh Bank The Environmental Health Department had visited the site and had been shown an adequate disposal point on the site. There was, therefore, no need for the caravanners to use the manhole on the Parish Council's land. The officer had reported that a new metal manhole cover was required as the existing cover was the wrong type and size.

4/2002 RESOLVED:- That Mr B Parkinson be requested to replace the manhole cover as a matter of urgency.

B. TO NOTE The following were noted:-

1. Applications determined since last meeting:-

a. No 08/2002/0311 – Outline – Detached dwelling (including details of siting and means of access) – land adjacent to 109 Station Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

- b. No 08/2002/0189 – Outline – Erection of replacement dwelling house (including details of siting and means of access) – 268 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- c. No 08/2002/0249 – Single storey extension at rear with living accommodation in roof space above – 5 Becconsall Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- d. No 08/2002/0267 – Portacabin to be used as office (renewal of planning permission 8/99/0257) – 330 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- e. No 08/2001/0673 – Replacement dwelling – Wood Farm, Boundary Meanygate, Hundred End, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)
- f. No 08/2001/1237 – Extension to existing workshop and store for use for storage and repair of horticultural machinery and equipment – 160 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

RECREATION GROUNDS AND PLAY AREAS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Painting of equipment Quotations had been received from Ian Yates and Brian Parkinson as follows:-

Ian Yates – Total £655.00 Brian Parkinson – Total £420.00

5/2002 RESOLVED:- That an order be placed with Brian Parkinson for painting play equipment at Glenpark Drive, Shore Road and Station Road at a total cost of £ 420.00

2. Maintenance of play equipment Ian Yates had undertaken the monthly inspection and reported a number of defects.

6/2002 RESOLVED:- That an order be placed with Ian Yates for the following repairs to play equipment:-

- a. Glenpark Drive – Worn shackle bolts - £12.00
- b. Shore Road – Safety surfacing - £15.00
- c. Station Road – Repairs to rocking horse – To be advised when body has been removed

3. Use of football pitch – Recreation Ground, Shore Road At the present time Hesketh Bank AFC didn't pay any rental for using the football pitch but also spent a large sum of money on maintaining the pitch. This year's estimated expenditure was £1656.00. It was suggested that the Parish Council make a contribution to the cost of maintaining the pitch and also request the Football Club to consider paying an annual rental for the use of the facilities.

7/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That an amount of £830.00 be paid to Hesketh Bank AFC as a contribution towards the maintenance of the football pitch at Shore Road Recreation Ground,

2. That Hesketh Bank AFC be requested to consider paying a rental for the use of the football pitch at Shore Road Recreation Ground and to suggest an annual amount to be paid to the Parish Council.

4. Drainage of Recreation Ground, Shore Road Problems were reported of water running onto the Recreation Ground car park from the wall between the ground and Belsfield Drive. It was suggested that the drains were blocked and also that the roots of the willows on the banking were not helping the situation. The District Council had visited the site and had undertaken to jet the drains in an attempt to clear any obstructions. This was including the drain going under the road to the Allotments field.

It was also reported that a number of flags on the footpath across the field had been broken and some were currently in water. Mr B Parkinson had suggested that the flags be removed and replaced with a tarmac path.

8/2002 RESOLVED: 1. That the Clerk be authorised to obtain quotations for the following works:-

- a. Take down willow trees and kill off the roots
- b. Provide and erect a 4ft high concrete fence at the bottom of the slope by the car park to include a gate sufficient to allow a tractor and grass mower access to cut the grass on the field
- c. Remove existing flagged footpath and replace with a tarmac path, level with the grass, and slightly wider than the existing path

2. That a report be presented to the next meeting of the Council regarding the drainage of the ground and the jetting of the drains by the District Council.

ALLOTMENTS

Allocation of Plots The Clerk reported that the two applicants had been allocated a plot each and had been asked if they wished to take on a second plot.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

It being 10.00pm, the Chairman declared the meeting closed and the remaining items of business deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

HESKETH – WITH – BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 22 July 2002 in the Village Hall, Hesketh Bank at 7.30pm

PRESENT:- Councillor R Ball (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs N Goodier, Mrs L Standish-Gore and Mrs H Tompkins

Councillors I Ashcroft, J R Foster, J Hunter and A Murphy

Apologies were received from Councillors B Birkby and PJA Sergeant and 3 members of the press and public were present.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman formally reported the death of Councillor Mrs Joan Birkby and the Council observed a minute's silence in her memory.

The Clerk reported that the vacancy would be advertised on the Council Notice Boards and, if no election is called, the Council can co-opt a person to fill the vacancy. The term of office will be to the original retirement date of the late Councillor Mrs J Birkby.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2002

9/2002 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 June 2002 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2002

1. Alty's Tip The Chairman of the Company had agreed to meet representatives of the Parish Council. It was indicated that the vacuum sweeper had been utilized but the machine had not been switched on. It was also agreed that it be suggested to the Company that the Village Institute be placed on the list for a possible grant in future years.

10/2002 RESOLVED:- That arrangements for a meeting be deferred pending the return of Councillor B Birkby.

Councillors Mrs N Goodier and I Ashcroft arrived during consideration of the above item.

2. Parish Map Project A letter had been received from the Executive Manager Leisure Cultural and Arts Services setting out the District Council's position. However, none of the correspondence referred to in the letter had been received by this Council.

11/2002 RESOLVED:- That the Executive Manager Leisure, Cultural and Arts Services be advised that correspondence had not been received.

3. Dog Control Services Mr. I McIntosh, Enforcement Officer, would attend the next meeting of the Parish Council on 2 September 2002 at 7.00pm.

4. National Cycle Route The County Council would be looking at a bridge option to cross the River Douglas. The District Council had asked for suggestions for cycle stands in the village.

12/2002 RESOLVED:- That the following locations be suggested for cycle stands in the Parish:- Outside HSBC Bank; Adjacent to the Preston to Southport Bus Stop by Station Road Shops; Outside Top Shop at the top of Station Road Bridge; Outside Spar jct. Station Road/Chapel Road.

5. Douglas View, off Station Road The County Area Surveyor had written to Morris Homes regarding the state of this section of road.

6. Rt. Hon. Alun Michael, Minister for Rural Affairs The Minister had responded to the Council's letter and sent a number of leaflets whilst not actually referring to the invitation to visit the Parish.

7. Best Kept Village Competition There was nothing to report

8. Appointments The Education Department had confirmed that Councillor Mrs Goodier's appointment as a Governor at All Saints CE School would run from 30 June 2002 to 29 June 2002. The District Council had advised that the Rights of Way and Access Forum had been disbanded.

9. New Audit Regime A booklet had been received from the Audit Commission:- Statement of Responsibilities of Local Councils and their Auditors.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2002

1. REAL Project Carolyn Hall was now leading the project and a meeting had been held on 8 July 2002. A team of 17 people had been recruited and others had contacted Councillors Mrs H Tompkins and I Ashcroft since. A Youth group has also been formed. The next meeting would be on Monday, 12 August 2002 and this would be advertised in the local press and possibly through a leaflet drop.

A couple of issues had been raised as follows:-

A request had been made for a seat on Chapel Road between Cropper Gardens and Station Road and a suggestion was made to put one either on the corner of Charles Close or Pardoe Close.

In addition, the District Council were looking for areas to landscape with plants and flowers and suggestions made were back lane, off Chapel Road or the two areas of land at the junction of Glenpark Drive and Chapel Road.

It was agreed to raise these two issues at the next meeting of the Council.

2. Chapel Road – Road Surface The County Area Surveyor had instructed the Utility responsible to effect repairs to the carriageway near to The Green.
3. Village Institute Building (Happy Days Nursery) The Nursery were concerned that the building would not pass it's next inspection and Councillor Mrs H Tompkins had approached Chelmere Homes to see if they could assist in undertaking some improvements/repairs. The Company was doing some work and it was also intended to put a door in the new fence to enable the children to gain access to the CSG for Sports Day.

13/2002 RESOLVED:- That Councillor Mrs H Tompkins be congratulated on her initiative in approaching Chelmere Homes to assist the Nursery and the Clerk be requested to approach LAP&TC regarding information about possible sources of funding to improve the facilities.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. LAP&TC - Meeting between Clerks and new Secretary This was to be arranged in the near future.
2. Draft School Organisation Plan for Lancashire The Plan was noted.
3. West Lancashire NHS Primary Care Trust – Strategy The Strategy was noted. It was also reported that, Mr. Simon Kenton, Director of Partnership and Public Participation of the Trust, was prepared to visit the Parish Council to make a presentation and start a dialogue with members of the Council.

14/2002 RESOLVED:- That Mr. Simon Kenton be invited to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council.

4. WLDC – Partnered Parish Council Community Warden Scheme The District Council was asking which Parish Councils were prepared to put funds into an extension of the scheme and the Clerk reported that there was £3,500 available in the estimates.

It was said that information could be obtained about current visits by Wardens to the Parish and that Lancashire Constabulary were also recruiting additional Officers.

The latest Community Safety Newsletter was circulated to members.

The next Community Police Forum would be held in North Meols on 23 September 2002.

Councillor J R Foster was concerned about drug dealing and the use of drugs in society in general.

15/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That the District Council be advised that the Parish Council has funds available for an extension of the Community Warden Scheme,

2. That the District Council be requested to supply details of visits by the Wardens to the Parish.

5. LCC – Youth & Community Service – Holiday Activity Scheme The Youth Service was seeking financial support for a Holiday Activity Scheme based at Tarleton High School but no details about possible attendees from this Parish were available.

16/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That a donation of £100 be made to the Holiday Activity Scheme (This was approved on the casting vote of the Chairman);

2. That the Youth Service be requested to provide information on attendees from Hesketh Bank this year and details on how the Scheme has been advertised; and

3. That the Youth Service be requested to provide earlier notification of future schemes to enable the Parish Council to give adequate consideration to any proposals

6. LAP&TC

- a. Heavy Goods Vehicles Operators Licences (The Chairman declared an interest in this item) An application for an increase to 3 vehicles in respect of 184 Chapel Road, Hesketh Bank was noted. The application site was situated opposite sheltered accommodation.

17/2002 RESOLVED:- That the North-Western Traffic Area Office be requested to indicate the hours of operation of the vehicles at this site.

- b. NALC Draft Development Strategy The strategy was noted.

- c. Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety – Registration of Interest

18/2002 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk be requested to register the Parish Council's interest in this Partnership.

7. British Telecom – Removal of Telephone Kiosk at Hundred End The owner of the land had asked for this kiosk to be removed and British Telecom was minded to accede to this request. The District Council has also asked for the Parish Council's views on the proposal.

19/2002 RESOLVED:- That it be suggested that the kiosk be relocated to Shore Road, adjacent to the Parish Council bus shelter at Hundred End.

8. WLDC -- Reclamation and Management of Derelict, Underused and Neglected Land in Lancashire (DUN Land)

20/2002 RESOLVED:- That a nil return be submitted to the District Council.

9. LCC -- Integrated Access Demonstration Project -- Developing Rights of Way Improvement Plan (Councillor Mrs N Goodier declared an interest in this item) The County Council was seeking suggestions for improvements.

21/2002 RESOLVED:- That the following suggestions be made:-

- a. Upgrade all footpaths on the Marsh to bridleways
- b. Extend Guide Road as a footpath to the 1980 bank
- c. Provide a footpath on the 1980 bank
- d. Open up and sustain a footpath from Hesketh Bank Boatyard to Tarleton

10. United Co-op, 6 Station Road, Hesketh Bank -- Transfer of Justices' Licence

22/2002 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the proposed transfer of the Justices' Licence.

11. West Lancashire CVS -- Free Training Courses No member wished to attend any of these courses.

12. Management & Investigation of Road Safety Issues Mr. R Hayton had addressed the West Lancashire Area Committee of the LAP&TC and was looking for 4 areas of concern on the roads in each Parish.

23/2002 RESOLVED:- That consideration of suitable suggestions be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

14. Cropper Gardens -- Installation of Hand Rails for Baths It was reported that although the District Council would pay for the installation of Hand Rails to assist people to get in and out of baths on Cropper Gardens, the Social Services Department required each bathroom to be inspected by an Occupational Therapist and there was a waiting list of 6 months for such visits.

24/2002 **RESOLVED:-** That the Clerk be requested to ask the Social Services Department if there was any way this process could be speeded up and alleviate the long wait before installation of these Hand Rails.

B. TO NOTE The following items were noted:-

1. WLDC Meetings
 - a. Cabinet - 28 May 2002
 - b. Licensing & Appeals Committee – 29 May 2002
 - c. Central Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 11 June 2002
 - d. Housing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 12 June 2002
 - e. Development and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 13 June 2002
 - f. Extraordinary Meeting of the Council – 26 June 2002
 - g. Cabinet – 1 July 2002
 - h. Northern Parishes Area Consultative Forum – 11 July 2002
 - i. Central Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 16 July 2002
 - j. Housing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 17 July 2002
 - k. Development and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 18 July 2002
 - l. Cabinet – 22 July 2002
 - m. Standards Committee – 24 July 2002
 - n. Council – 24 July 2002
2. WLDC – Members Updates'
 - a. Licensing & Appeals Committee – Issues 1 & 2
 - b. Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issues 1 & 2
 - c. Housing & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issues 1 & 2
 - d. Planning Committee – Issues 2 & 3
 - e. Development & Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Issue 2
3. LCC – Social Services Directorate Business Plan Update 2002/2003
4. Roads Issues Focus Group – Meeting 9 July 2002
5. LAP&TC – Various Issues
6. United Co-op – Change of Ownership – 6 Station Road, Hesketh Bank
7. The Countryside Agency
 - a. Vital Villages Update
 - b. Section 17 Of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – Guide for Parish & Town Councils
8. Community Futures – No 15
9. The Beacon Newsletter – June 2002
10. Local Council Review
11. WLDC – Best Value Performance Plan
12. Lancashire Combined Fire Authority – Best Value Performance Plan
13. Clerks and Councils Direct
14. West Lancashire CVS - Bulletin

FINANCE

A. FOR DECISION

1. Accounts for Payment

25/2002 RESOLVED:- That the following accounts be paid:-

- a. Hesketh Bank AFC – Grant towards maintenance of football pitch
- £ 830.00 (Agreed in principle at last meeting)
- b. B W Rimmer Esq. – Clerk's Salary and Expenses to 22 July 2002 -
£850.82
- c. Zurich Municipal Insurance - Play Equipment Insurance - £365.04
- d. - Web Site renewal - £10.55
- e. D Ward Esq. – Cleaning bus shelters - £210.00
- f. CPRE – Membership renewal - £25.00
- g. G Iddon – Wreath for Mrs J Birkby - £65.00
- h. Mr. B Parkinson – Various works - £650.00

2. Application for Grant Aid

26/2002 RESOLVED:- That consideration of the application for grant from Childline North West be deferred to later in the financial year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items raised under this heading.

PLANNING MATTERS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Weekly Lists

27/2002 RESOLVED:- That no comments be made on the following applications:-

- a. Application No 08/2002/0679 – Single storey rear extension – 96 Chapel Road - HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning and Development Services)
- b. Application No 08/2002/0765 – First floor extensions – 1A Guide Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning and Development Services)

- c. Application No 08/2002/0778 – Conservatory at rear – 120 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (To be determined by Executive Manager for Planning and Development Services)

2. Planning Committee – 25 July 2002

28/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That no further comments be made on this application:-

No 08/2002/0535 – Erection of 27metre replacement lattice telecommunications tower with 2 x 600mm dishes, 3 antennae; relocation of existing equipment onto tower (Overall height 31.5m); equipment housing cabinets; 2.4m high chain link boundary fence and new entrance gates – Henry Alty Ltd, Station Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED)

2. That a further objection be made to this application on the grounds indicated and the Committee be requested to make a site visit prior to consideration of the application:-

No 08/2002/0144 – Erection of 13 detached houses with 6 detached garages; provision of new access road and landscaping scheme – Land at Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED) - Road safety due to speeding vehicles, the narrowing of the road and the installation of speed cushions; inadequate existing drainage and sewerage provisions in the parish.

B. TO NOTE The following were noted:-

1. Planning Committee – 20 June 2002

No 08/2002/0024 – Outline – Erection of 4 detached houses, construction of gated field access (including details of siting and means of access) – Land between 197-215 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0315 – Detached bungalow and garage and detached garage to serve No 24 Moss Lane – Rear of 24 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (Recommendation – GRANTED)

2. Applications determined since last meeting:-

No 08/2002/0495 – Removal of Agricultural Occupancy condition imposed on planning permission 08/79/0796 and Approval of Reserved Matters 08/80/0307 – 127 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0074 – Outline – Erection of 4 detached houses, construction of gated field access (including details of siting and means of access) – land between 197-215 Chapel Road, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0315 – Detached bungalow and garage and detached garage to serve No 24 Moss Lane – land rear of 24 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

No 08/2002/0534 – Erection of greenhouse – 390 Moss Lane, HESKETH BANK (GRANTED)

3. Parish Oaks – Maintenance Visit The District Council had arranged for maintenance visits to be made for 2 years.

29/2002 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be asked if the Contractor would maintain the 2 Yew Trees on behalf of the Parish Council.

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GOLDEN JUBILEE MEDALS

The Clerk reported that 20 medals had been received and members need to give some thought as to possible recipients.

HESKETH VILLAGE INSTITUTE

In the absence of Councillor B Birkby, this item was deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN HESKETH BANK – PUBLIC MEETING

A total of six out of the eleven persons/organisations approached had responded although not all would attend. The Clerk undertook to send reminders to the other organisations.

WAIVING OF STANDING ORDERS

30/2002 RESOLVED:- That the provisions of Standing Order No 17 be waived to enable the remaining items of business to be dealt with at this meeting.

RECREATION GROUND AND PLAY AREAS

A. FOR DECISION

1. Play Areas – Maintenance Orders had been placed for items of maintenance. In addition, the roundabout at Shore Road had been vandalised and Ian Yates had been asked and had affected repairs.

31/2002 RESOLVED:- That the action of the Clerk in placing an emergency order for repairs to the roundabout at Shore Road Recreation Ground, be confirmed.

2. Recreation Ground, Shore Road -Drainage Problems The District Council had encountered a blockage in the pipe and had not been able to identify whereabouts on the ground the blockage had occurred.

32/2002 RESOLVED:- That Mr C Heap be requested to investigate the blockage in the drain and provide an estimate for remedial action.

3. Recreation Ground – Removal of Willow Trees Four quotations had been requested and the following two had been received:-

Mr B Parkinson - £1200.00 (Written)

Mr P Crabtree - £650.00 (Verbal)

33/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That a written quotation be obtained from Mr P Crabtree, and

2. An order be placed with the firm submitting the lowest quotation after the blocked drain has been investigated.

4. Recreation Ground – Erection of Concrete Fence at the bottom of the slope Three quotations had been requested and the following had been received:-

Mr. B Parkinson - £1300.00 (A choice of 2 schemes)
Premier Paving – 850.00

34/2002 RESOLVED:- That an order be placed with Premier Paving in the sum of £850.00 when the willow trees have been removed.

5. Ground, Shore Road – Remove flagged path and replace with tarmac. Three quotations had been requested and the following had been received:-

Premier Paving - £4,500.00

35/2002 RESOLVED:- 1. That a decision on this work be deferred until after the other works had been completed; and

2. That Premier Paving be requested to come back and look at the tarmac on the Centenary Sports Ground Car Park as holes are appearing in the surface.

6. Recreation Ground, Shore Road – Bench Seat and School Fold Hedge

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the Council

7. Willowmere Park – Play Area The District Council were to agree to the builder not providing play equipment on the Public Open Space at this location but to pay a commuted sum to cover capital costs and 7 years maintenance to be utilized elsewhere in the Parish. The District Council had also asked if the Parish Council was interested in taking over responsibility for the Poppyfields Play area from the District Council.

36/2002 RESOLVED:- That the District Council be advised that:-

1. The Parish Council would wish the commuted sum for Willowmere Park to be utilised elsewhere in the Parish, subject to more consultation between the two Councils,
2. The Parish Council would wish the commuted sum in respect of the future development off Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank to be included for utilisation elsewhere in the Parish,
3. The Parish Council do not wish to take on responsibility for the Poppyfields Play Area from the District Council,
4. The District Council be advised that the litter bins on the Poppyfields Play Area are the wrong type as litter is continually getting blown out of these bins and ending up all over the site.