

HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4th April 2005 at 7:30pm in The Village Institute (Library Building) Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Cllr. Mr.C.I.Ashcroft, Cllr. Mrs.C.Farrington, Cllr. Mrs.N.M.Goodier, Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby, Cllr. Mr.A.P.Murphy, Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant (Chairman), Cllr Mrs L.Standish Gore Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins , Cllr Mr.S.Trippier, Cllr. Mrs J.Witter

Six members of the general public were present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Observations were made regarding the Youth Shelter and the problems of overgrowth and soil on Shore Road footpaths and fouling of footpaths by dogs.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Rev'd.R. Plant (Business Commitments),

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Interests were declared

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 7th March 2005

RESOLUTION No. 1/2005 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Allotments** No meeting held. Mr Whiteside had requested that hedges were cut.
- Play Areas** No meeting held.
Cllr Murphy advised that tenders had been sought for Shore Rd Play area from "Wicksteed Leisure", "Record Playgrounds" and "Yates Playgrounds" based on a budget of £30,000 and a specification drawn up with the help of Mr Cooley from WLDC
- CSG** Cllr Murphy reported that the work was now complete and that the Football Club was satisfied that the Council had fulfilled its obligations
- Planning** Matters returned are scheduled later in the agenda

CLERK'S REPORT

Licensing Act 2003 – Applicants will be "Strongly Recommended" to advise Parish Councils of Applications. The Clerk will monitor the Register as far as possible.

The Clerk asked for any nominations for West Lancashire Design Awards, none were proposed

The Clerk reported that he'd reached a dead end over roads maintenance. LCC were refusing to grit Moss Lane or Chapel Road. The meeting agreed that the Portfolio holder should be approached.

It was agreed that Tracy Jacobs should be asked to address the Parish Assembly in May.

The Clerk asked any members who required a copy of the LCC Local Transport Plan 2006-2010 to advise him.

The Clerk advised that he had received an estimate from the Village Institute for repairing the broken window. The estimate was for a replacement uPVC window unit in the sum of £395. The Clerk advised that he had discussed this with the Chairman and that they considered that the proposed works were a significant "improvement" rather than the repair that the Council had agreed to. The meeting agreed that the Clerk should seek a like for like repair estimate.

The Clerk advised the meeting that no further progress had been made with the Audit Commission

The next meeting will be Village Assembly and CPC AGM which will both be on Tuesday 3rd of May. The Chairman asked for nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be with him before the meeting. It was noted that Cllrs Plant and Sergeant offered themselves for re-appointment.

NEWSLETTER

Cllr Kirby apologised that work pressures had delayed the production of this quarter's letter but that he hoped to have it ready for typesetting by the weekend.

Cllr Ashcroft expressed his concern at the vandalism and behavioural problems within the village and hoped that the newsletter could be used to make parents aware of the problems and their responsibilities; other Councillors echoed his concern.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

The following accounts were presented for authorisation

Yates	Playground Inspections	296.10	100686
Clerk	Nett Salary	504.33	100687
Clerk	Nett Expenses	78.50	100688
Dunscar	Trees C.S.G.	150.00	100689
Altys	Wall C.S.G.	45.64	100690
LAPTC	Conference	66.00	100691
SLCC	CiLCA Registration	70.00	100692
Inland Revenue	PAYE/NIC	909.16	100693
Yates	Feature Litter bin	681.50	100694
Parkinson	Various items	290.00	100695

RESOLUTION No.2/2005 Carried that the accounts be paid forthwith

Receipts

Hesketh AFC	CSG Rent	207.00
Hesketh Cricket Club	CSG Rent	233.00
P Riley	Allotment	15.00
M Biesty	Allotment	15.00
S Bibby	Allotments	30.00
C Chadwick	Allotments	45.00
S Trippter	Allotments	15.00
Whiteside	Allotments	45.00
Baxter	Allotments	45.00
Riley	Allotments	15.00

BEST KEPT VILLAGE _ Hanging Baskets

Following discussions, it was agreed that Councillor Farrington would approach three local growers for the best offers.

RESOLUTION No.3/2005 Carried that the Clerk is instructed to have manufactured and erected 15 brackets at an approximate cost of £450. and that the Clerk places an order for Hanging Baskets on the advice of Cllr. Farrington up to the value of £400.

RESOLUTION No.4/2005 Carried that the Clerk registers for the Certificate in Local Council Administration at a cost of £70

PLANNING MATTERS

The Clerk gave details of planning approvals and refusals to hand.

PLANNING MATTERS RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE

8/2005/0292

Infilling of ditch to act as soak-away – Land to the rear of 7-11 & 10-12 Thistle Close and land adjacent 11 Primrose Close.

Councillors considered that especially in view of the drainage problems in the area, an objection should be lodged until it can be established as to the drainage requirements in the area. It was agreed that the Clerk should also write to United Utilities.

District Cllr Ashcroft agreed to ‘Call-in’ the application

8/2005/0322

Variation of condition number 13 imposed on planning permission 8/2003/0905 to allow a maximum of 20% of the Gross internal floor area of the building to be used for the display of comparison goods

The Council had no comment to make.

8/2005/0333

Reserved Matters – Refurbishment and two storey rear extension to existing building to provide three shop units with flat above and provision of car parking at the side.

The Clerk was instructed to register concern regarding parking outside these premises as they are very close to the brow of the hill.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:40pm

HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd May 2005 at 8:30pm in The Village Institute (Library Building) Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Cllr. Mr.C.I.Ashcroft, Cllr. Mrs.N.M.Goodier, Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby,
Cllr. Mr.A.P.Murphy, Cllr. Rev'd.R. Plant (Chairman), Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant,
Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins, Cllr. Mrs J.Witter

Four members of the general public were present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Howard addressed the meeting re a planning appeal on Station Rd and asked for the Council's support.

Cllr Ashcroft declared an interest and withdrew from the meeting.

The Clerk suggested that Mr Howard should write to the Council stating his case.

Mr Fowler requested that he was advised of the outcome of the County Court action against the Council by Mr Sears.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs.C.Farrington, (Prior Engagement)
Cllr Mrs L.Standish Gore (Personal Domestic reasons)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Interests were declared

RESOLUTION 5/2005 Carried Unanimously that Cllr R Plant be appointed Chairman.
Cllr Plant thanked the Council for the confidence expressed.

RESOLUTION 6/2005 Carried Unanimously that Cllr P Sergeant be appointed Vice-Chairman.

RESOLUTION 7/2005 Carried Unanimously that Cllr R Plant, Cllr I Ashcroft and Mr Cropper (clerk) be appointed to the LAPTC Area Committee.

RESOLUTION 8/2005 Carried Unanimously that Mr Cropper (Clerk) be appointed the Council's representative on WLDC Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee.

RESOLUTION 9/2005 Carried Unanimously that Cllr P Sergeant be appointed Trustee to the Village Institute.

RESOLUTION 10/2005 Carried Unanimously that Cllr P Sergeant be appointed the Council's representative on the Lancashire Playing Fields Association.

RESOLUTION 11/2005 Carried Unanimously that Cllr H Tompkins be appointed the Council's representative on Environmental Matters.

RESOLUTION 12/2005 Carried Unanimously that Cllr C Farrington be appointed the Council's representative on the Tarleton High School's Users Committee.

RESOLUTION 13/2005 Carried Unanimously that the Planning Sub-Committee, with full Executive Powers, be The Chairman (ex officio), The Vice Chairman (ex-officio), Cllr L Standish-Gore, Cllr A P Murphy and Cllr. S Kirby.

RESOLUTION 14/2005 Carried that the C.S.G. Sub-Committee, with full Executive Powers, be The Chairman (ex officio), The Vice Chairman (ex-officio), Cllr A P Murphy, Cllr N Goodier, Cllr. C I Ashcroft, and Cllr Trippier

RESOLUTION 15/2005 Carried that the Recreation Ground and Play Areas Sub-Committee, with full Executive Powers, be The Chairman (ex officio), The Vice Chairman (ex-officio), Cllr A P Murphy, Cllr N Goodier, Cllr. S Kirby and Cllr P Sergeant.

RESOLUTION 16/2005 Carried Unanimously that the Allotments. Sub-Committee, with full Executive Powers, be The Chairman (ex officio), The Vice Chairman (ex-officio), Cllr C Farrington, Cllr J Witter and Cllr P Sergeant

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 4th April 2005

RESOLUTION No. 17/2005 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments It has not been possible to cut the hedge as crops were still in situ and would have to be left till after the nesting season. All occupants, with one exception, have now paid this years rent. Cllr Farrington is following this up.

Play Areas Meeting following.

CSG No meeting held.

Planning No report.

CLERK'S REPORT

Best Kept Village

Hanging basket brackets now on order, and should be ready in 2/3 weeks at a cost of £255 + fixing. Cllr Farrington had reported that Altys had offered to provide baskets and Arden Lea Nurseries would plant them and grow them on, both at no cost.

It was noted that Judging will be from 1st June – 15 July.

It was agreed that a donation of £100 could be made to a local youth group in exchange for undertaking litter picks and clean-ups. Cllr Tompkins agreed to arrange.

CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration)

The Clerk confirmed he had now enrolled.

Repairs to village Hall Windows

It was confirmed that a quote for the work had been obtained in the sum of £80. It was agreed this sum should be passed to the Village Hall Committee.

Bus Shelter at Meadow Lane

The roof has been repaired.

Glen Park Drive Play Equip

This has now been insured for replacement value

External Audit

The Audit Commission had raised further queries, which the Clerk is dealing with.

Bus Shelter Grants

The Clerk confirmed that these had been approved in principle.

LCC required consultation with nearby residents in respect of Cropper Gardens, which the Clerk was dealing with

Notice Boards

Delivery was expected this week

Trafalgar Day 21st – 23rd October

The meeting's attention was drawn to the planned celebrations.

Cllr Tompkins complained that the wording used by the Clerk in the notice relating to the removal of the Youth Shelter was inappropriate. She further complained that she had not received a personal copy of the notice. The Clerk pointed out that it wasn't the practice to send out copies of such notices or correspondence to all Councillors and that in any event the notice had been displayed by him on the specific instructions of the Council.

PARISH PLAN

Cllr Kirby outlined progress to date and the local people approached, which had been quite positive.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

The following accounts were presented for authorisation

LAPTC	Subscription	£493.20	100696
Greenbarnes	Notice Boards	£1,368.60	100697
Clerk	Nett Salary	£528.16	100698
Clerk	Expenses	£91.95	100699
Allianz Cornhill	Insurance	£935.07	100700

RESOLUTION No.18/2005 Carried that the accounts be paid forthwith

Receipts

Precept 1 st tranche	£27,417.00
Concurrent 1 st tranche	£2473.18
Mr White (Allotments)	£15.00

INTERNAL AUDITOR

RESOLUTION No.19/2005 Carried that the Clerk inquires of Mr L L Watson if he would undertake the Internal Audit for a fee of £100. Cllr Tompkins requested a named vote. *[For the Resolution Ashcroft, Goodier, Kirby, Murphy, Plant, Sergeant, Witter] [Against the resolution – Tompkins]*

MEETINGS FOR 2005/2006

RESOLUTION No.19/2005 Carried that the present pattern of meetings be continued with the amendment that a meeting is not held in August.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:35pm

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PRESENT

Cllr. Mrs.C.Farrington Cllr. Mrs.N.M.Goodier, Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby,
Cllr. Mr.A.P.Murphy, Cllr. Rev'd.R. Plant (Chairman), Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant,
Cllr Mrs L.Standish Gore, Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins, Cllr. Mrs J.Witter

Two members of the general public were present.

PRESENTATION

Tracy Jacobs gave a presentation on her role as Community Involvement Development Officer and her specific project in carrying out a Health Consultation programme with various groups in West Lancashire

PUBLIC FORUM

Concerns were expressed regarding damage to the CSG/Village institute wall. It was advised that this was the Village Hall's responsibility.

Mr Foster requested that the Highways Partnership 'phone number be printed in the Newsletter.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

No Apologies were received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Interests were declared

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3rd May 2005

RESOLUTION No. 20/2005 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments One tenant has now given notice. As there is not currently a waiting list, it had been agreed that the Clerk would write to other single allotment holders offering the strip.

Play Areas Cllr Murphy reported that subject to some amendments, the contract would be awarded to Yates Playgrounds as offering the best value for money by utilising some of the existing equipment. It was anticipated that work would commence August/September. A meeting will be arranged with other interested parties shortly regarding the future of the Youth Shelter.

CSG No meeting held.

Planning No meeting held

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman expressed concern over the state of the Shore Road car park and particularly the 'container' used as a changing room; he noted that he had received several adverse comments. Cllr Sergeant, as Chairman of the Football Club, was able to report that work on the outside painting and some container planting would be completed by the end of August. Members noted that no conflict of interest existed for Cllr Sergeant as his report expedited the matter under discussion and financial matters were not discussed.

The Chairman referred to correspondence between a member of the public, Mr Hodson, and the Clerk regarding requests for information. The Chairman also reminded Members of the Council not to involve themselves personally in such matters and to refer to the Clerk on any such queries raised. In answer to a query, the Clerk confirmed that he was only able to charge for any copies supplied and not the time spent.

Concern was expressed to the Chairman regarding the state of weeds etc around the village hall. The clerk was asked to discuss this with the Village Hall Chairman to see if help was needed.

CLERK'S REPORT

Hanging Baskets

15 Baskets had been produced. The Village Store and Turpins were unable to accommodate, and Johnsons had closed, The Spar shop declined to take part this year. Finns, The Golden Harvest and Shore Road Post Office took 2 each. In addition the Church hall and the Primary School had taken one each. Contributions totalling £195 had been received.

Proposed Bus Shelter (Between 141 & 143 Chapel Road)

Letters had been sent to 18 adjacent premises. Objections had been received from two properties; concern expressed by one and backing from one, No replies from 14 others whom it was assumed were content with the proposal.

RESOLUTION No.21/2005 Carried that the proposal to install the Bus Shelter, as previously resolved, should be proceeded with.

Standards Board

Complaints re ex-Councillor Raymond Ball

The public case summaries of 10 complaints against ex-Cllr. Ball had been received and whilst on 9 of the cases he had been found to be in breach of the Code of Conduct, no action was to be taken. This was apparently based on the assumption by the Standards Board that ex-Cllr Ball "*has no intention of becoming a member in future*". Members were extremely concerned that such high profile public breaches should go unpunished. It was agreed that it was inequitable for members of the public to believe that such actions that had gone on would be tolerated. It was also noted that a vast amount of time, and cost, had been spent over a two-year period investigating the matters. Members who had made the complaints also noted that the conclusions were not in line with the draft recommendations of referral to tribunals.

RESOLUTION No.22/2005 Carried that It was agreed that the Clerk should write in the strongest possible terms to the Standards Board, The WLDC Monitoring Officer, The Standards Committee, the ODPM and any other relevant body. A press release would also be made.

Road Safety

The Clerk was pleased to report that agreement had been reached to include Chapel Road in the Winter Service Priority list.

Parish Charter Working Group

The Clerk had received a letter from WLDC noting that all other involved Councils had appointed Councillors rather than Clerks to be representatives on the Parish Charter Working Group and asking if we wished to reconsider. Members felt that providing the Clerk was content with the appointment the decision should stand.

Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 – High Hedges

The Clerk advised the procedure and costs being adopted by WLDC

Footpath Shore Rd

The Clerk reported Lancashire County's response to the request for vegetation clearance on Shore Rd. Because the matter is rated as low priority with low pedestrian traffic, it would be some time before it could be dealt with. Cllr Kirby noted he had had a similar reply two years ago. The Clerk agreed to pursue further.

Training Saturday 16th July 9:00 – 4:00

Christine Farrington stated that she was now unable to attend. No other members were available

NEWSLETTER

Cllr Kirby reported that this was due to be distributed this week although it was noted that some had already gone out with "The Voice" – WLDC newsletter. Copies were circulated and the Chairman thanked Cllr Kirby for his work.

PARISH PLAN

Cllr Kirby advised that he was looking to arrange an initial exploratory meeting next week.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

The following accounts were presented for authorisation

Autocross	Repairs to Shelter & Supply of Poly	£1,036.36
Tom Johnson	Boarding up and reglazing labour	£345.70
Mere Brow Smithy	Basket Brackets	£300.00
Clerk	Nett Salary	£529.49
Clerk	Expenses & Sundries	£119.25
PWLB	Loan repayment	£1,671.56
SLCC	Training course cost	£195.00
Parkinson	Grass at Play Areas	£150.00
	Weeds Shore Road	£30.00
	Baskets and Brackets	£470.00
HB Christian Ctre	Litter Pick	£100.00
Parkinson	Erection of Notice Boards	£141.00

RESOLUTION No.23/2005 Carried that the accounts be paid forthwith

Receipts

Traders contributions to baskets	£195
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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Clerk presented Draft Annual Accounts and his report (previously circulated)

RESOLUTION No.24/2005 Carried that the accounts for the year to 31st March 2005 be approved and accepted and that a vote of thanks for the way in which they were presented is given to the Clerk.

ANNUAL RETURN

The Annual Return, **Statement of Accounts**, (previously circulated) was presented.

RESOLUTION No.25/2005 Carried that Section 1 of the Annual Return (Statement of Accounts) is approved.

The Annual Return, **Statement of Assurance**, (previously circulated) was presented.

RESOLUTION No.26/2005 Carried that Section 2 of the Annual Return (Statement of Assurance) is approved.

RESOLUTION No.27/2005 Carried that (**under Highways Act 1980 s130**) the Wayside Seats at Station Road/Beconsall Lane and Chapel Road (adjacent the telephone box) be replaced with Streetmaster 'Colwyn' seats at a cost of £578 + VAT + fixing, and the remaining seats be repaired.

RESOLUTION No.28/2005 Carried that (**under LG(MP)A 1976 s19**) the Council contribute £1,000 to Tarleton High School towards the cost of maintaining public access to the Swimming Pool.

Considerable discussion ensued on the future financial support of both the Swimming Pool and Sports Hall. The basis of funding, what was seen as a school asset with community use, needed clarifying. It was agreed to revisit the questions prior to the 2006/2007 budget meeting.

Concern was also expressed regarding specific Health and Safety issues in the Swimming Pool; Cllr Farrington was asked to look into this.

RESOLUTION No.29/2005 Carried that that **Standing Order 23** be amended to read "**All meetings of the Council shall terminate at 9:30pm**"

Members were asked to amend their personal copies of the Standing Orders.

The Council received members Public Space Inspection Reports / Playground Reports. It was noted that the hedge between the CSG and Mr Wignall's land was in urgent need of attention.

CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW

Members considered if they wished to respond to the Standards Board review of the 'Code of Conduct'. It was agreed that the Clerk should comment on the difficulties caused by Members being unable to deal with Planning matters when they held positions on the District Council and similar 'Dual Hatted' problems. In addition, the problem within a small community of Members having multiple interests needed to be addressed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:40pm

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PRESENT

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^(a) Arrived during item 5

^(b) Arrived during item 4

Four members of the general public were present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Serious concerns were expressed by two members of the community regarding the increase in loutish and noisy behaviour at the Sports Ground and Village Institute sites. Emphasis was made on the need to report every incident to the police and log the details. The Clerk offered to maintain a log if residents would care to advise him so that a more detailed complaint could be made to the police. It was agreed that the Clerk would remind CSG tenants of their obligations and also report the Council's concern to the Police.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant (Previous engagement)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Interests were declared

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6th June 2005

Cllr Goodier noted that Cllr Sergeant had addressed the meeting as Chairman of the Football club during the Chairman's report and that the meeting had been content that no conflict of interest existed as his report expedited the matter under discussion, and financial matters were not involved.

RESOLUTION No. 30/2005 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record subject to the above amendment.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments The Clerk had written to all single and double allotment holders offering the vacant strip.

Play Areas Cllr Murphy reported applications had now been made to WLDC for the release of section 106 monies - **Shore Road Play Area** £25,000 + £5,000 from the Parish Council, **Shore Road Footpath** replacement £5,000 + £7,000 from the Parish Council., **Station Road Play Area** £15,000

He advised that applications will go before WLDC Cabinet on 12th July with a positive recommendation for approval.

HEDGES – All hedges to Shore Road will be cut and weeds trimmed this week.

Members noted the poor maintenance again of the grass on Station Road bridge that had not been attended to by LCC. The Clerk was asked to follow up

A meeting was arranged for Monday 11th July at the Rectory to discuss Shore Road plans with “Yates Playgrounds” and to review the Youth Shelter project and Station Road upgrade.

CSG No meeting held.

Planning No meeting held. All applications received were responded to as “No Comment”

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman asked the Clerk to advise the meeting of his letter to the Standards Board and their response.

The Chairman confirmed that the Clerk and he had attended the Standards Committee meeting at WLDC and been well received. He noted that the Committee felt similarly aggrieved at the decisions of the Board and that they would be writing in strong terms to the Board.

The Council was generally dissatisfied with the response the Clerk had received believing that it had not answered the complaints made and indeed opened further queries. The Council instructed the Clerk to respond accordingly.

CLERK’S REPORT

Proposed Bus Shelter (Chapel Road)

Waiting for plans then the Clerk will visit the complainants with an officer from LCC.

Wayside Seats

Delivery is expected w/c 18th July

It was suggested that seats could be ‘sponsored’ as a memoriam or for other reasons. It was agreed this could be included in the next newsletter.

Internal Audit 2004/2005

Now complete and notices posted. – A letter from the Internal Auditor regarding better correlation between Agenda and Minutes was brought to the meeting’s attention. The Clerk noted that the old agenda items of ‘Matters Arising’ and ‘Correspondence’ were no longer used.

Recreational Activities Programme

Details of four activities during August were given and notices will be posted. Forms available from the Clerk.

Tarleton High School

The Clerk advised that he had now heard from the Chairman of Governors. Whilst the letter now confirmed that the Council's contribution had been given to secure public use, this was subject to financial independent viability.

Members noted that the facility was not being advertised and Cllr Farrington was asked to raise this.

Year of the volunteer 2005

It was agreed that Nellie Iddon (Aunty Nellie) should be put forward as a candidate. Cllr Witter agreed to complete the sponsorship form

CVS Trustees

Cllr Plant agreed to look at the possibility of putting himself forward

PARISH PLAN

Cllr Kirby advised that the steering group had again met and put together a list of up to twenty persons who had shown an interest. A meeting was being arranged for Martin Trengrove (CVS) to address the group and see if there was a suitable way forward.

NEWSLETTER

Cllr Kirby noted that a number of places in Tarleton had received copies and some in Hesketh Bank had not. The Clerk was following this up.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

The following accounts were presented for authorisation

PSP	Newsletter	£217.38
Champion News	Newsletter Distribution	£40.71
L L Watson	Audit Fees	£100.00
Clerk	Nett Salary	£529.49
Clerk	Expenses	£134.57
HMRC	PAYE & NIC	£703.17
Parkinson	Re-Glazing	£94.00
Parkinson	Grass Cutting	£176.25
Allianz Cornhill	Play Area Insurance	£107.43

RESOLUTION No.31/2005 Carried that the accounts be paid forthwith

Receipts

VAT Reclaim	£5,866.00
Insurance Claim (Bus Shelter)	£495.00

SHORE ROAD LIGHTING

The Clerk outlined the scheme by “**24/7 Outdoor**” which through advertising could provide complete lighting of Shore Road at a very substantial discount. After consideration Members considered that this was not a suitable location and preferred to bear the full cost as originally planned.

Members also considered the advantages of bringing forward the proposed capital cost from next year and committing to a further £15,000, from reserves, in order that a larger amount of luminaries may be fitted sooner, and hopefully obtain a better deal.

RESOLUTION No.32/2005 Carried that the Clerk be authorised to open negotiations with LCC for the supply and fitting of luminaries to the value of £30,000.

PUBLIC SPACE INSPECTION REPORTS. These were received for Glen Park Drive and Station Rd

PLANNING MATTERS – Members were advised of **Approvals, Refusals and Appeals** to Hand. An Appeal in respect of 8/10 Station Road was also discussed but it was agreed not to make representations.

RESOLUTION No.33/2005 Carried that members of the public and press be excluded from the meeting under The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 for the following item.

To receive a proposal that the Council enter into a new contract (based on the standard NALC/SLCC contract) with the Clerk. (Resolution 109/2004 refers).

The Chairman detailed his review of the proposed Contract and Terms of Service. The Chairman noted that whilst the recommendation on hours was considerably higher, the Clerk was content at present with the agreed hours. However based on the NALC/SLCC recommendations his basic salary was in the wrong band. The Chairman recommended Salary Scale Point 28.

The Clerk left the meeting whilst Members considered the proposition.

RESOLUTION No.34/2005 Carried that the Clerk be offered the new NALC/SLCC contract as previously agreed at Resolution 109/2004 initially on SCP 28 with effect forthwith.

The Clerk rejoined the meeting and was advised accordingly, for which he thanked the Council.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:20pm

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^(a) Arrived during item 4

Four members of the general public were present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Concerns were expressed regarding the new rubbish and re-cycling collection arrangements. The Clerk said he was surprised that the Parish Council had not been consulted prior to implementation. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to WLDC and the matter be placed on the October Agenda. Enquiries were also raised about the future of the Youth Shelter. It was stated that this had been offered on loan to other Councils for trials whilst the local outcome was reviewed.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Rev'd. R. Plant, Cllr Mrs L.Standish Gore (both due to holidays)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Sergeant declared a personal interest in item 16 which he considered to be non-prejudicial.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6th June 2005

RESOLUTION No. 35/2005 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments Cllr Farrington reported that an existing tenant had taken over the vacant strip for the remainder of the financial year.

Play Areas Cllr Murphy reported on their meeting of the 11th of July. PC Corrigan had said he now thought that the Youth Shelter should be located next to a drop-in centre and be locked at night. A long discussion followed on options, as there appeared to be no ready solution. Cllr Kirby felt that the matter needed a long period of consideration, which could perhaps be dealt with in the Parish Plan. It was agreed the public's view would be sought through the newsletter, and the website.

Cllr Murphy reported that the work at Shore Road play area would commence on the 3rd of October and last four weeks. Increased costs had been incurred by retaining the 'Donut' climbing frame and associated

increase in fencing the figure now amounted to £33,396. The Clerk advised that the overall cost at Shore Rd would in fact be down, as the costs for the replacement path had come in under estimate. The quotation for the replacement path was £7,700. There would be additional costs in clearing the overgrown vegetation adjacent to the path.

The quotation for the Station Road play area, which was generally in good condition, was approximately £16,000 and included fencing. The Council was also advised that the Clerk was looking into taking over the embankment and incorporating it into the play area.

RESOLUTION No. 36/2005 Carried that the Council approves the expenditure of £41,100 on the play area at Shore Road and the replacement of the footpath from Delta Park to Shore Road.

RESOLUTION No. 37/2005 Carried that the Clerk progresses the possible acquisition of the old bridge embankment and its maintenance from LCC.

Cllr Murphy also advised that the Clerk had been investigating the acquisition of the play and public areas at Poppyfields.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Muphy and the committee for the excellent work it was undertaking

CSG No meeting held and no current issues.

Planning No meeting held.

Cllr. Tompkins asked if she could raise concerns regarding application 2004/1467 – land at Moss Lane.

Cllr Tompkins declared a Personal Interest.

Cllr Tompkins reported that a pressure body, '*The Hesketh Bank Preservation and development group*' were requesting that the Council again object to the amended application. She itemised the reasons for the objections. It was agreed that the Clerk would confirm that the Council's original objections still remained on the amended application.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No Chairman's report was given

CLERK'S REPORT

Wayside Seats

New seats have now been installed at Becconsall Lane/Station Road and Chapel Road. All other seats have now been refurbished and are in good order.

Website

The new website (www.hwbpc.org.uk) is now up and running and receiving an acceptable number of hits bearing in mind that this hasn't been publicised other than on Heskethbank.com. The Clerk reported having received several complimentary responses via the feedback facility.

The Council had budgeted for initial set-up costs of up to £750, but as the Clerk had now undertaken the work himself, the figure will be under £150 with ongoing Domain and Hosting costs in the region of £120 per annum.

The Clerk requested suggestions from members for expanding the site.

External Audit 2003/2004

It would appear that the Council will not have to face the ignominy of a 'Public Interest report' being made. As with the recent Standards Board cases, it was felt that the costs involved in taking the matter further would not be in the public interest. It is likely that we will have to publish the Auditor's qualification and demonstrate that procedures are now improved, which indeed they have.

External Audit 2004/2005

Now complete and in order. Awaiting documentation.

Final details of both years, and costs, should be available for the October meeting.

Street Lighting Shore Road

The Clerk outlined the progress to date. Several complications had arisen. He advised that as lighting automatically indicated a 30mph limit, an order would have to be sought to increase this to the national limit. He considered that this could be an opportunity to seek a 50mph limit.

RESOLUTION No. 38/2005 Carried that the Clerk pursues the possibility of a 50mph limit and seeks North Meols Parish Council support for the whole stretch of Marsh Rd/Shore Road

Standards Board

The Clerk advised the meeting of the Standards Board latest response to him and the District Monitoring officer.

The Council considered this again to be unsatisfactory but concluded that there was nothing further to be gained in this direction.

RESOLUTION No. 39/2005 Carried that the Clerk should pursue in generic terms with the district MP, the Council's view of the general ineffectiveness of the Standards Board.

The Clerk also read a letter from Monitoring Officer regarding the costs of local investigations. After discussion, it was agreed that her comments could be misconstrued and that members need only consider the substance and validity of a potential complaint and not the cost. The Clerk was instructed to write in these terms.

Pavements

The Clerk updated members regarding the Shore Road footpaths and complaints he had registered regarding hedges on Station Road and Moss Lane.

Public Consultation – Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (Already distributed)

It was agreed that members would advise the Clerk of any concerns or comments and if necessary an additional meeting would be called before the end of the month.

PARISH PLAN

Cllr Kirby advised that the initial meeting had been held on the 11th of August. Details were distributed. The next meeting is the 27th of September. Cllr Kirby pointed out that it is not a closed group and that all meetings would be open to the public.

NEWSLETTER

Cllr Kirby advised that he hoped to have the next edition out this month

TARLETON HIGH SCHOOL USERS GROUP

Cllr. Farrington reported that she had received complaints regarding the flouting of health and safety procedures at the swimming pool including not wearing protective shoe coverings taking prams in and consuming food and drink. She had approached Steve James, who is in charge of the pool and sports hall who had assured her that users and lifeguards had been spoken with. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Hardiker expressing the Council's concern

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

Clerk	Nett Salary	£571.71
Clerk	Expenses	£59.24
Parkinson	Repair & Maintain Seats	£445.00
Parkinson	Mowing & Strimming	£150.00

RESOLUTION No.40/2005 Carried that the accounts be paid forthwith

To ratify payments made during August (Council's Summer recess)

Clerk	Expenses	£81.19
Clerk	Nett Salary	£577.30
Barry Dawson	Hedge and Tree Mtce Shore Rd	£330.00
SLCC	Information Update	£7.00
Hesketh Institute	Hire of Hall 6 months	£82.50
Brian Parkinson	Glazing Village Hall	£80.00
Brian Parkinson	Mowing & Strimming	£150.00
Brian Parkinson	CSG Hedges, Shore Rd Hedge	
	Strimming Embankment	£230.00
AutoCross	Bus Shelter repairs Meadow Lane	£825.00
Streetmaster	New Wayside Seats (2)	£562.00
Website Costs	Software Manuals	£31.48
Brian Parkinson	Mowing & Strimming	£150.00
Brian Parkinson	Fitting new wayside seats	£120.00
Brian Parkinson	Repair Path Shore Road	£25.00

RESOLUTION No.41/2005 Carried that the Council ratify the payment of the above accounts

Receipts

The Clerk advised that there hadn't been any receipts

PUBLIC SPACE INSPECTION REPORTS. These were received.

RESOLUTION No.42/2005 Carried that the proposed LAPTC fees structure be accepted.

RESOLUTION No.43/2005 Carried that the Council subscribe to the "Multi Agency Statement on Seasonal Working"

CAPITAL FUNDING

The Council considered suggested applications for Capital Funding from WLDC for 2006/2007

It was agreed to apply for grants for a) Safety surfacing on Station Rd Play Area, b) Replacement Notice Board at Moss Lane/Station Rd, c) Refurbishment of car park at Shore Road.

HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY

The Clerk advised of the forthcoming opportunity for consultation on WLDC '*Housing Allocation Policy*' review. It was agreed this would be placed on the agenda for October. Cllrs Tompkins and Goodier requested copies.

WEST LANCASHIRE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP REVIEW

The Council considered responses to the '*West Lancashire Local Strategic Partnership*' review. It was agreed that individuals would respond separately

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

The Council considered the '*Lancashire Combined Fire Authority consultation document*'. It was agreed that the Clerk would place details and a link on the website so that members could study this at leisure

TRAINING

The Council considered its training requirements for the remainder of 2005. It was agreed that Cllrs Goodier and Farrington would attend the course at Penwortham on 20th September and Cllr Kirby would attend on 13th October. Each course at £20 per delegate.

HESKETH BANK AFC

The Clerk detailed a meeting that the Chairman and he had had with members of a Steering Committee charged with overseeing the planned sports facilities on fields next to the Centenary Sports Ground. This was to be a community facility costing in the region of £M1.5. The Clerk also read a letter from the group asking for support from the Council and also for consideration as to appointing a representative to join the group.

Cllr Sergeant, having declared an interest declined to enter the debate.

The Clerk confirmed that the project would have to be a public community venture to allow the Council to be involved.

RESOLUTION No.44/2005 Carried that the Council confirm their support for the planned Community Sports Facility.

RESOLUTION No.45/2005 Carried that Cllr. Goodier be appointed the Council's representative to the Community Sports Facility project's steering group.

PLANNING MATTERS – Members were advised of **Approvals, Refusals and Appeals** to Hand. Notice was also given of a new Tree Preservation Order on two trees at the junction of Moss Lane and Station Road.

ITEMS RECEIVED SINCE AGENDA PUBLICATION (for information only)

Hesketh Outmarsh The Clerk gave details of the proposed re-flooding of Hesketh out marsh.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:35pm

HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3rd October 2005 at 7:30pm in The Village Institute (Library Building) Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Cllr Mr.C.I.Ashcroft ^(a), Cllr. Mrs.N.M.Goodier, Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby, Cllr. Mr.A.P.Murphy, Cllr. Rev'd. R. Plant (Chairman), Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins, Cllr. Mrs J.Witter

^(a) Arrived during item 5

Two members of the general public were present.

PUBLIC FORUM

No matters were raised

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs.C.Farrington, Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant, Cllr Mrs L.Standish Gore (sickness)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5th September 2005

RESOLUTION No. 46/2005 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments Cllr. Witter advised that there wasn't anything to report.

Play Areas Cllr Murphy reported that the Clerk had written to LCC regarding the possible taking over of the embankment adjacent to the Station Road play Area. He also advised that work had commenced on the Shore Road site; it was also noted that vandalism had occurred again at the Play Area. Emergency repairs to make the roundabout safe had been undertaken.

The Clerk advised that he had received advice that 'occupancy and maintenance' of the bridge embankment would be the best line to pursue as ownership could have significant liabilities to the maintenance of the roadway above.

The Clerk also advised that whilst WLDC Cabinet had approved the section 106 monies for Shore Road, it had subsequently come to light that some of money had still not been received from the developer. It was hoped however that funds would be still made available from WLDC, from other accrued 106 monies, until the contribution in question had been received. Councillors felt confident enough to allow the works to proceed as scheduled.

The Clerk asked Members to consider authorising expenditure to clear the overgrowth adjacent to the Shore Road footpath.

RESOLUTION No. 47/2005 Carried that the Council approves the expenditure of £360 to clear land adjacent to the Shore Road footpath.

CSG No meeting held and no current issues.

Planning No meeting held.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that he was disappointed that the Football Club had not completed work to the container being used as a changing facility. It had been stated that work on painting, and generally making the area more visually pleasing, had been promised by the end of August. It was also noted that various rubbish and lengths of steel tubing were lying around. It was agreed the Clerk would write to the club requesting some action by the end of October.

The Chairman also reported his concerns over the car park where areas of tarmac were breaking up as weeds pushed through on a six feet wide strip adjacent to the fence. From discussions he had had with the school, it was possible a contribution could be made to costs. The Clerk suggested that whilst contractors were on site with tarmac, savings could possibly be made.

RESOLUTION No. 48/2005 Carried that the Council delegates authority to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman/Vice-Chairman, to proceed with remedial resurfacing work to the Shore Road car park.

CLERK'S REPORT

Members were advised of the forthcoming Code of Conduct training at Edge Hill on Thursday 24th November and reply forms distributed. The Chairman requested that members make a determined effort to attend.

Street Lighting Shore Road - North Meols Council had been written to re suggested 50mph limit – No reply as yet received

Standards Board - MP had been written to and acknowledged – No reply received

Hanging Baskets - Arden Lea written to with thanks and baskets taken down

Best Kept Village – Results were advised. It was agreed that this would be placed on the November Agenda for next year's competition.

Bowling Club – The Clerk reported that agreement had finally been reached for a New Lease agreement, which was now being engrossed.

Council Land Registration – Statutory Declarations have been sworn by Brian Rimmer and the Clerk, now progressing to registration with the Land Registry.

Refuse and Recycling – The response from WLDC having been previously circulated was accepted

Explanatory Notes to Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 – Posted on the Website.

PARISH PLAN

Cllr Kirby updated the meeting with progress to date.

NEWSLETTER

Cllr Kirby advised that personal commitments had delayed production and that this would now be published in October.

TARLETON HIGH SCHOOL USERS GROUP

Members reported that pushchairs were still being allowed on the poolside and that most people were still not wearing overshoes.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

BDO Stoy Hayward	Audit fee 2003/4	£1,380.63
Clerk	Nett Salary	£576.61
Clerk	Expenses	£121.01
HMRC	Quarterly NIC & PAYE Payments	£795.79
Parkinson	Mowing & Strimming 2 visits	£150.00
Paul Watson Solicitors –	Statutory Declaration	£15.00
Parkinson –	Remove Hanging Baskets and dispose	£50.00

RESOLUTION No.49/2005 Carried that the accounts be paid forthwith

Receipts

Precept (2 nd tranche)	£27,417
Insurance re bus shelter	£700

Annual Return and External Audit 2003/2004

The External auditor's report and letter of qualification was presented, it was noted that this would now be published. The Clerk explained why the costs had been so high which had not only been caused by the investigation but also because the Council's turnover had exceeded £100,000 because of the loan of £50,000 which was not used.

RESOLUTION No.50/2005 Carried that the Annual Return and Auditors report be received and accepted

The Clerk presented his report on the recommendations and observations of the auditors. It was agreed that suggested amendments to Financial Regulations would be brought forward at the November meeting.

RESOLUTION No.51/2005 Carried that the Clerk's report be accepted as the Council's response to the Audit

Half-Yearly Financial Report

The Clerk presented a half-yearly report of performance against budget. Members accepted that adjustments were not necessary at this stage

RESOLUTION No.52/2005 Carried that the Council contribute £30 to the LAPTC Area Secretary's costs.

Members considered a request from the Village Hall Committee for the donation of two wayside seats for installation in front of the Village Hall in a re-vamped garden area. Members applauded the initiative but felt that before taking the matter forward, the Committee may wish to consult residents opposite, in view of previous problems, before proceeding. The Clerk was instructed to reply accordingly.

Members considered the WLDC Housing Policy Review. Members were unhappy that the 'list' was area wide where in fact it should reflect local need. The Clerk was requested to respond in this vein. Members' attention was also drawn to the "Housing Needs Survey" which was available on the Council Website.

Members Considered the Council's response to the proposed "Hesketh Out Marsh Realignment Scheme. It was agreed that the Clerk should write supporting the scheme with the caveat that all re-enforcing works should be complete prior to breaching of the outer wall.

Members Considered plans for the Christmas decorations. It was agreed trees should again be purchased from Edenbreck Nurseries as these were of excellent quality and size. It was also agreed that improvements should be considered by adding additional decorations and/or the lighting of the large tree outside Bargain Booze.

RESOLUTION No.53/2005 Carried that authority be delegated to the Clerk for expenditure of up to £600 for Christmas decorations, their installation and removal.

RESOLUTION No.54/2005 Carried that the Clerk and Cllr Kirby represent the Council at the LAPTC Annual General Meeting.

RESOLUTION No.55/2005 Carried that the Council contribute £250 to the Parish Plan Steering Committee.

Remembrance Sunday. It was agreed that Cllr Witter would lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish on 13th of November

RESOLUTION No.56/2005 Carried that the Clerk purchase a wreath for remembrance Sunday.

Items received since Agenda publication (for information only)

The Clerk advised of a PCT Meeting at Holy Trinity School Tarleton Monday 10th October.

RESOLUTION No.57/2005 Carried that members of the press and public be excluded on the grounds that disclosure may prejudice possible legal proceedings.

RESOLUTION No.58/2005 Carried that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the completion of the scheduled business.

Members reviewed the previous resolution of the Council to revisit the question of the Council's losses and costs, as the result of illegal decisions and actions of a former Councillor and employee, following the completion of Standards Boards enquiries and the relevant audit. It was noted that both of the authorities, whilst apportioning blame, stated

that it would not be in the public interest to pursue the matter further. After much deliberation it was agreed that it would not be in the interests of either the Parish Council or the community to instigate litigation at this time.

[Because of possible litigation against the Council, the following Minutes should remain Private and Confidential to Members of the Council]

Members were also advised of a potential liability claim against the Council by the owner of 4 School Fold who has alleged that roots from trees on the Shore Road Recreation Ground have caused structural damage to the property. Members noted that whilst they regularly inspected the ground for problems, they were not qualified to comment on such matters. Trees and hedges are regularly cut as required on the basis of containment and visual amenity.

The Clerk expressed his ongoing concern regarding liability and advised as to how the Council could become liable, without insurance cover, if an incident or accident occurred and routine inspections had not been carried out **every week on all the Council's land and equipment**.

The Clerk also expressed concern over the whole liability situation in respect of the Shore Road site. The car park is used not only by users of the recreation ground but also as overnight parking for residents, daily use by school staff and also for dropping off and collecting children from school. There has been implied permission by allowing the school to build a gateway onto the car park; the children are now maintaining the "Wild Garden embankment"; the Football Club has erected a "Container" as changing Rooms without formal permission. On the Recreation Ground, The Football club use the area for matches and leave goal posts in situ. The school also use the ground and have a running track marked out. The School pay for the mowing of the grass as an ad hoc method of paying for its use. The Council own and operate a play area and maintain hedges and collect litter.

It was agreed that legal advice should be sought as to where liabilities exist and to enable the Council to review its insurance.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:55pm

HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7th November 2005 at 7:30pm in The Village Institute (Library Building) Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Cllr Mr.C.I.Ashcroft, Cllr. Mrs.C.Farrington, Cllr. Mrs.N.M.Goodier, Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby, Cllr. Rev'd. R. Plant (Chairman), Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant, Cllr Mrs L.Standish Gore, Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins, Cllr. Mrs J.Witter.
Mr Ian T Cropper, Parish Clerk & RFO.

Two members of the general public were present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Fowler queried as to why the Auditors had not addressed the financial gearing in respect of the loan. The Clerk advised that this would be beyond their remit and inappropriate as the Council did not invest in fixed assets as such.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr Mr.A.P.Murphy

The Clerk advised that Cllr. Trippier had not attended Council meetings for over six consecutive months, and that by virtue of LGA 1972 section 85(1) had thus ceased to be a Member of the Authority.

RESOLUTION No. 59/2005 Carried that the Council declare a vacancy with effect from 7th November 2005 and that the Returning Officer be advised and the requisite notices be published. The Clerk updated Members on procedure.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of non-prejudicial interest were made by Cllr Sergeant in relation to item 10, and by Cllrs. Ashcroft and Plant in relation to item 9.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3rd October 2005

RESOLUTION No. 60/2005 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments No meeting held.

Play Areas Cllr Goodier reported that work had commenced during the first week of October on replacing the existing flagged pathway with a wider, tarmac finished path. On completion, the Clerk inspected this and found the work to be of an unacceptable standard. In particular,

- 1) The new timber edgings were inadequately supported and not back-filled resulting in an uneven appearance, which would undoubtedly collapse in due course.
- 2) The wearing coat of tarmac was laid either too cold or insufficiently rolled, or both resulting in some areas being friable and not waterproof.
- 3) Excess tarmac was left along the side of the entire length of the path.
- 4) The contractors failed to clean all waste material and spoil from the car park embankment.

The contractor has been advised and a response is awaited.

Work on the Play Area commenced mid October and all redundant equipment has been removed. The areas for safety surfacing and pathways have been dug out but work has been seriously delayed by the continuing poor weather. Safety fencing around the site has been completely demolished by vandals on two occasions

CSG No meeting held and no current issues.

Planning No meeting held. Cllr Standish-Gore requested that she be supplied with a hard copy of applications rather than relying on the Council WebSite.

Community Sports Facility Cllr Goodier reported that she had attended her first meeting with the Working Group. She was pleased to advise that the Club was now actively seeking Charter Standard, which would open up new possibilities and sources of funding.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman made reference to the need to report every incidence of vandalism and bad behaviour to the police as in statistical terms, Hesketh Bank was not regarded as a problem area. The Chairman also commented on the recent report in the Village Visiter and Ormskirk Advertiser regarding the 2003/2004 Audit, which had given the impression that problems were still current. In response to complaints made by the Clerk, an update had been published the following week.

Whilst the report had apparently been factually correct, the perception by members of the public had been that the problems were current. This was a good illustration as to how, under the Code of Conduct, Councillors need to be aware of what the public perceive Councillors are doing or saying.

Reference was also made regarding the LAPTC Area Committee, the last meeting of which had again been a totally negative event. It was agreed to table a motion to reduce the meetings to two per annum.

The Chairman also urged members to attend the Code of Conduct meeting at Edge Hill later this month.

CLERK'S REPORT

Street Lighting Shore Road - North Meols Council had confirmed their support for a 50mph limit and will support any application to reduce the speed limit.

Standards Board - MP confirmed that he will be taking the matter forward.

Council Land Registration. Land Registry require to inspect the allotments and Station Road Play area at a total cost of £80. Shore Road documentation is now all in order and is going through the registration process.

Village Hall Due to concern from residents, their application for the provision of seats has been withdrawn.

Christmas Decorations Members were updated by the Clerk. It is hoped to install the trees during the first week of December.

Proposals for items to be included in the 2006/2007 Budget. Members were reminded that the Clerk required suggestions for inclusion in the 2006/2007 Budget for the December meeting.

Bus Shelters – meeting held with residents who have expressed concern. LCC recommended that before proceeding they investigate alternative locations for the shelter.

Cllr Witter raised concerns she had been made aware of, regarding the Shelter outside the Computer Shop in Hesketh Lane and the Bus stop, which is some distance away. The Clerk was asked to write to Tarleton CPC to ask if they could look into having this corrected.

Queries were raised regarding bus routes. The Clerk was asked to establish the routes now in operation.

Capital Grants It was agreed an application should be made for the cost of new safety surfacing at Station Road Play Area.

Review of Standing Orders. The Clerk advised that he was reviewing Standing Orders and requested Council advice on their requirements in respect of publishing Draft Minutes, and as to whether they wished to adopt 'best practice' by ignoring weekends in respect of the 3 day rule in respect of notices of Agenda. Members confirmed they wished to keep the present system.

PARISH PLAN

Cllr Kirby updated the meeting with progress to date. The last meeting had not been held due to lack of progress.

NEWSLETTER

Cllr Kirby advised that personal commitments had delayed production and that he had now abandoned the September issue but would produce the December issue on time. Cllr Tompkins offered her help in the production process. It was suggested that Members could produce articles between issues and pass them to Cllr Kirby.

TARLETON HIGH SCHOOL USERS GROUP

Cllr Farrington advised that a letter had apparently been lost in the post replying to the Clerk's letter of complaint regarding health and safety issues. It was agreed that Members should accept a request from the school to address the Council at the December meeting to try to resolve the problems.

TRAINING COURSES

Cllr Kirby had been unable to attend. Cllr Farrington reported on a very useful and informative session and recommended it to other Councillors.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

HMRC	PAYE/NIC	£244.68	100739
BDO Stoy Hayward	Audit fee 2004/05	£411.25	100740
LMTP	Courses Kirby & Farrington	£40.00	100742
British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£22.00	100743
Clerk	Nett Salary	£586.77	100741
Clerk	Expenses	£141.07	100744
R Plant	Chairman's Allowance	£100.00	100745
Kennedy	Land Registry Inspection	£80.00	100746

RESOLUTION No.61/2005 Carried that the accounts be paid forthwith

Receipts

Concurrent Contribution (2nd tranche) **£2473.18**

Annual Return and External Audit 2004/2005

The External auditor's report was presented.

RESOLUTION No.62/2005 Carried that the Annual Return and Auditors report be received and accepted

RESOLUTION No.63/2005 Carried that a proposal to amend Financial Regulations 3.4 and 6.4 (*Previously circulated*) be accepted.

The Clerk gave a report on problems that had arisen with the grant of Section 106 monies from WLDC. Following a Cabinet decision to make grants totalling £43,000 to the Parish it had materialised that incorrect assumptions had been made and that the work associated with the bulk of the monies, assumed to have been received, had in fact had not yet been undertaken. Indeed it was unlikely that this work would ever proceed. The reality was that only £11,500 was available. The Clerk stated that he felt the matter should not be pursued as he believed that this had been a genuine error.

RESOLUTION 64/2005 Carried that the contribution of £15,000 towards the lighting of Shore Road would be allowed to slip to 2006/2007 and the work to Station Road Play area would be reviewed with the production of the new budget in January.

RESOLUTION 65/2005 Carried (under **LGA 1972 s214(6)**) to make a grant to All Saints Parish Church in the sum of £200 towards graveyard maintenance at both locations.

Members Considered an application from Hesketh Bank AFC for the grant of a licence for access to their proposed Community Sports Facilities from the Centenary Sports Ground access road.

RESOLUTION 66/2005 Carried that the Clerk be instructed to negotiate a suitable Licence with the Football Club, to grant access to the proposed facilities on land adjacent to the Centenary Sports Ground, for Council ratification.

Best Kept Village 2006

Councillors agreed to identify “grot spots” and consider which premises should be approached. December meeting to decide an action plan.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:45pm

HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5th December 2005 at 7:30pm in The Village Institute (Library Building) Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Cllr Mr.C.I.Ashcroft^(a), Cllr. Mrs.C.Farrington, Cllr. Mrs.N.M.Goodier, Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby, Cllr A P Murphy^(b), Cllr. Rev'd. R. Plant (Chairman), Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant, Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins,.
Mr Ian T Cropper, Parish Clerk & RFO.

^(a) Arrived during item 5

^(b) Arrived during item 6

Three members of the general public were present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Howard queried WLDC comments regarding his application for planning consent.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs L.Standish Gore, Cllr. Mrs J.Witter.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations were made.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 7th November 2005

Cllr Sergeant pointed out that Football Club was seeking, rather than having attained, Charter Standard.

Cllr Farrington advised that under Allotments, the reference to Mr Banister was incorrect and should be deleted.

RESOLUTION No. 67/2005 Carried that, subject to the above amendments, the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

RESOLUTION No. 68/2005 Carried that item 12 should be brought forward.

Cllr Tompkins outlined her thoughts on the desirability of the Council providing Skateboarding facilities. She detailed the problems that the younger people were experiencing and also made the Council aware of the possibility of suitable land becoming available if existing sites were deemed not to be suitable.

RESOLUTION No. 69/2005 Carried that the Council create a sub-committee (comprising of Cllr Tompkins (Chairman), Cllr Farrington, Cllr Standish-Gore, Cllr Kirby) to investigate the feasibility of providing "Skateboarding facilities" within the Parish, and if satisfied as to the viability of such a project, to present to full Council a comprehensively assessed and costed project by May 2006.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments A Meeting had been held following the November Council meeting. The Clerk had been requested to write to Mr Banister requesting that he cuts his hedge prior to the end of the year. Work would also be put in hand to clear the ditches before April.

Play Areas No meeting held

CSG No meeting held

Planning No meeting held.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (for information)

The Chairman enquired as to progress on the 'changing rooms' at Shore Road and was advised that water had now been connected and that the 'skirt' should be fitted soon. Members were also advised that All Saints School had now adopted the new Articles of Governance, which meant that the Parish Council no longer appointed a Representative Governor.

The meeting was advised that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had inspected the Accounts and records maintained by the Clerk. It was confirmed that the Accounts had been found to be in order. The Clerk had been requested to improve the Audit trail within Council minutes and a report to this effect was filed with the audit papers.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Tompkins for bringing to his attention the decision by the Mayor of Preston to cancel the Annual Carol Service in the Council Chamber. After enquires however, it appeared that the event was in the Mayor's gift and it would be inappropriate to make a complaint.

The Chairman referred to the response from the local MP with regards to the Standards Board. It was concluded that no further action should be pursued.

CLERK'S REPORT (for information)

Council Land Registration – Shore Road recreation ground and car-park complete and registered with the Land Registry

WLDC Statement of Accounts to 31st March 2005 was made available.

Tarleton High School had been unable to attend but would send representatives to the January meeting.

The meeting was made aware of the impending retirement of Inspector Melling. The Clerk was requested to write thanking him for his help over the years

ODPM Changes to LA Areas – St Annes on Sea is a new parish

A request from the Ramblers Assoc. had been received that we maintain plans and documents of local footpaths. It was agreed that the present system, where plans are held at LCC, was adequate. Correspondent to be advised.

LAPTC Annual Report was made available

CVS Beacon Newsletter – available on the Parish website.

PARISH PLAN

Cllr Kirby updated the meeting with progress to date. Regrettably no progress had been made due to other commitments by the sub-committee chairmen, it was hoped however to have a further meeting in January.

NEWSLETTER

Cllr Kirby advised that the December edition should be ready in time for distribution on 28th December. The winning suggestion for a masthead was “Shoreline Summary” and the agreed prize of £20 would be awarded.

TARLETON HIGH SCHOOL USERS GROUP

Cllr Farrington had attended the 14th November meeting. She reported that the pool was now costing a lot of money and at 36 years old was coming to the end of it's life and that £200,000 would be needed for a re-build. Closure could be as early as March 2006. Considerable discussion followed especially as to the impact on pupils at the school. It was agreed that Members would give serious consideration as to what help could be given.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

Clerk	Nett Salary	£572.86	100747
Clerk	Expenses	£90.90	100748 (p)
Clerk	Land Registry Searches	£10.00	100748 (p)
1&1	Internet Domain registration	£4.68	100748 (p)
1&1	Hosting (6 mths)	£53.94	100748 (p)
All Saints Church	Graveyard Mtce (2 sites)	£200.00	100749
Edenbreck	Christmas Trees	£176.25	100750
Kennedy	Registration (Shore Rd)	£294.38	100751
SLCC	Annual Fee	£93.00	100752
PWLB	Loan servicing	£1,671.56	100753
Parkinson	Mowing & Hedge	£82.25	100754 (p)
Parkinson	Christmas Trees erection	£270.25	100754 (p)
	Newsletter Prize	£20.00	100755

RESOLUTION No.70/2005 Carried that the accounts be paid forthwith

Receipts

Sale of 3 sets tree lights **£105.00**

PUBLIC SPACE INSPECTION REPORTS / PLAYGROUND REPORTS received in respect of Glen Park Drive and Station Road

BOWLING CLUB LEASE The Engrossed lease, previously circulated, was presented
RESOLUTION No.71/2005 Carried that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to Sign and Deliver a new lease to the Hesketh Bank Bowling Club in respect of land at the Centenary Sports Ground.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

RESOLUTION No.72/2005 Carried that a Best Kept Village Sub-Committee be formed, comprising Cllr Goodier (Chairman), Cllr Tompkins, Cllr Farrington, Cllr Ashcroft, Cllr Plant.

Cllr Farrington confirmed that Mr Duncan Taylor of Arden Lea had offered to supply hanging baskets again.

LAPTC

RESOLUTION No.73/2005 Carried that the Council lay a Proposition before the LAPTC Area Committee that meetings of that committee be held six-monthly instead of three-monthly as at present.

STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION No.74/2005 Carried that the proposed amendments to Standing Orders, as distributed, be accepted forthwith.

DRAFT BUDGET

Members considered items to be included in the Draft Budget to be considered at the January Meeting. Items to be included are £1,000 towards “Grot Spots” clearance; £250 “Charity Contributions”; Illuminated warning sign on the approach to the School.

CO-OPTION

Mr John Hunter had been asked but had indicated that his present work would prevent him being able to attend regularly. No other names were put forward for co-option to the vacancy on the Council. It was agreed that the item would be placed on the January Agenda.

PLANNING

The Clerk advised of a planning application at Riccadonna Produce, which technically was in North Meols, but was in Hesketh Bank, for accommodation for 96 seasonal agricultural workers. It was agreed that Members would look at this at the January meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:35pm

HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd January 2006 at 7:30pm in The Village Institute (Library Building) Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Cllr Mr.C.I.Ashcroft, Cllr. Mrs.N.M.Goodier, Cllr A P Murphy, (Chairman),
Cllr Mrs L.Standish Gore, Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins, Cllr. Mrs J.Witter
Mr Ian T Cropper, Parish Clerk & RFO.

Three members of the general public were present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Bragg made a representation in respect of the planning application at Riccadonna Produce.
Mr Foster expressed concerns regarding possible contamination from the proposed excavation of the salt-water lagoons; Cllr. Ashcroft offered to look into this.

COUNCIL MEETING

CHAIRMAN

In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Cllr Murphy was unanimously elected to take the Chair.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs.C.Farrington, Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby, Cllr. Rev'd. R. Plant, (holidays) Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant (Sickness)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations were made.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5th December 2005

RESOLUTION No. 75/2005 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments No meeting held

Play Areas Cllr Murphy reported that work was still not finished at Shore Road due to inclement weather. 36 working days had been lost due to either flooding or low temperature. All equipment was now installed and waiting for suitable weather to lay the Tarmac Paths and pour the safety rubber surfaces. The dispute over the replacement footpath has not been resolved; the Clerk has confirmed to the contractor that the work is unacceptable and no payment will be made. Brian Parkinson will be clearing the rubbish and overgrowth alongside the path during January.

CSG No meeting held

Planning No meeting held.

Best Kept Village It was planned that a meeting would be held following the February Council Meeting

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In the absence of the Chairman, no report was given.

CLERK'S REPORT (for information)

Due to the anticipated number of absentees, Cllr Farrington and the Clerk had postponed the presentation by Tarleton High School to the February Meeting

The Clerk advised that Christmas Decorations would be removed on Friday 6th January

The Bowling Club lease was completed on the 20th December 2005

A response from Tarleton PC regarding the bus shelter/stop on Hesketh Lane was noted as disappointing by Members. It was noted that the Clerk had not experienced any problem curing two similar issues in Hesketh Bank.

Members were reminded of the WLDC meeting as an assembly on the 25th January.

Received Christmas cards were made available.

The Clerk asked if Members wished him to attend the SLCC Regional Training Conference at a fee of £40. It was unanimously agreed that he should and that the cost would be underwritten. The Clerk also advised of a Quality Parish Workshop at Rainhill, no Members were able to make themselves available so the Clerk agreed to attend.

Information on the LCC Winter Service maintenance was made available.

The Clerk reported that damage had occurred to two bus shelters. A vehicle had apparently struck the one outside All Saints Church, and the one at Shore Road/Chapel Road had been vandalised. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain quotes for supplying PVC notices to be affixed to shelters offering a reward for information regarding damage.

Notice of the forthcoming Lancashire Police Public Meeting on January 23rd was given.

The Clerk reported on his investigations into Council Land & Liabilities.

It was reported that Parbold had again shown interest in the Youth Shelter. It was agreed the sub-committee would deal with this.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

Clerk	Nett Salary	£572.00	100755 (p)
Clerk	Expenses	£71.63	100756
Clerk	Pay in Lieu of Holidays	£240.41	100755 (p)
Champion	Newsletter Delivery	£35.50	100757
Finns	Refund of lights	£70.00	100758
PSP	Newsletter Printing	£217.38	100759
HMRC	PAYE & NIC	£744.56	100760
Yates Playgrounds	Interim	£14,100.00	100761

RESOLUTION No.76/2005 Carried that the accounts be paid forthwith

Receipts		
WLDC	Section 106 Monies	£11,250.00
United Util	Wayleave payment	£90.37

PUBLIC SPACE INSPECTION REPORTS / PLAYGROUND REPORTS received in respect of Glen Park Drive and Station Road. The Clerk noted again his concern regarding the lack of inspections on Shore Road. After some discussions Mr Arthur Fowler offered to undertake the task but declined the offer of an honorarium. Members expressed their gratitude.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS Members were in receipt of the Council's insurers requirement for tree inspection. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Arboriculturist at WLDC and act upon his advice.

OPERATORS LICENCE The Council considered an application for a new HGV Operators Licence at 201 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank for nine vehicles and six trailers

DRAFT BUDGET

Members considered items to be included in the Draft Budget to be considered at the February Meeting. Items to be included are an increased allowance for Christmas Lights and the Best Kept Village

NORTH WEST AIR AMBULANCE

Members considered a request for financial support from the 'North West Air Ambulance'.

RESOLUTION No.77/2005 Carried under **Section 137 of the LGA 1972 Sect 137** that a contribution of £500 be made immediately and if no further requests from other sources are received by 31st March, a further donation of £478 be made to the North West Air Ambulance.

PLANNING APPLICATION – Riccadonna Boundary Lane

Members considered the application and objections by adjacent residents. It was noted that technically the premises was in North Meols Parish.

Members were agreed that they did not have a problem with the accommodation being improved by the provision of static units in place of caravans. However it was felt that the site was being developed as a hostel for the whole area, rather than purely for employees working on Riccadonna sites and produce. It was agreed that the Clerk should write in this vein suggesting that Riccadonna should be obliged to justify the number of employees and should not be allowed to accommodate workers for hiring out to other producers.

CO-OPTION

The Name of Gerard Twigger of Long Acres, Guide Road was put forward. Mr Twigger had indicated that he was willing to stand although he would be unable to offer time over and above the monthly meetings.

RESOLUTION No.78/2005 Carried unanimously that Mr Twigger be co-opted as a Member of the Parish Council for the remainder of the current term.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:00pm

HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6th February 2006 at 7:30pm in The Village Institute (Library Building) Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Cllr Mr.C.I.Ashcroft^(a), Cllr. Mrs.C.Farrington, Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby, Cllr. Rev'd. R. Plant (Chairman), Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant, Cllr Mrs L.Standish Gore, Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins.
Mr Ian T Cropper, Parish Clerk & RFO.

^(a) Arrived during item 5

Three members of the general public were present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Ian Courtliff made representations to the Council regarding the proposed traffic calming measures in Moss Lane.

Mr Fowler made observations regarding 'double rating' in respect of recreation and play areas.

COUNCIL MEETING

The Chairman welcomed Mr Gerard Twigger, the newly co-opted Member of the Council. The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Twigger had signed the necessary declarations.

It was also advised that the presentation from Tarleton High School would not now be given.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs.N.M.Goodier (work commitments), Cllr. Mrs.J.Witter (holidays).

The Clerk also advised that he had received an email from Cllr A P Murphy, addressed to the Chairman, tendering his resignation from the Council with immediate effect.

RESOLUTION No. 79/2005 Carried that the Council declare a vacancy and the Clerk is instructed to post the relevant notices and advise the Returning Officer forthwith.

The Clerk was also requested to write to Mr Murphy thanking him for his time and efforts on the Council, especially with regards to the recreation and play areas.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Standish Gore declared a non-prejudicial interest in item 14

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5th December 2005

RESOLUTION No. 80/2005 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments No meeting held

Play Areas In the absence of Mr Murphy and Cllr Goodier, the Clerk advised that work at Shore Rd was now complete. However, the condition of the ground was still very wet and muddy. It will be necessary to re-turf in the spring. The Clerk also confirmed that he had insured the equipment and safety surfaces. The Council agreed not to insure the fencing as the underwriters would only cover this against vehicle impact.

CSG No meeting held

Planning No meeting held.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported on comments he had received regarding Skateboard parks and the Best Kept Village competition. He also reported his concern at the attempts to set fire to the seat outside the rectory and the general behaviour of youths. After discussion it was agreed that PC Phil Corrigan should be asked to address the March Council meeting.

The Chairman also noted the decision of the Play Area Sub-Committee regarding the youth shelter and felt that this should be the subject of public consultation.

CLERK'S REPORT (for information)

The Clerk reported that he had been able to attend the following meetings during the month.

- West Lancs CVS AGM at Skelmersdale
- Parish Charter Working Committee at Ormskirk
- LCC Parish Council Conference at Chorley
- Parish Council Clerks' Meeting at Penwortham
- Quality Parish Council Workshop at Rainhill
- LAPTC Area Committee at Ormskirk
- SLCC Regional Conference at Park Hall

With regards to Quality Council status, the Clerk advised that he would circulate a list of requirements to Members in due course to enable an action plan to be put together.

The Clerk reported on his investigations into "Speed Indicating Devices" (SPIDs) and outlined the various types available. He reported on his discussions with LCC and the Police and suggested the possibility of sharing equipment with Tarleton and North Meols CPC. Members agreed that the simpler, more formal signs were preferable to 'gimmicky' types. The Clerk was instructed to progress the matter on the basis of the HwB PC purchasing the sign and asking if Tarleton and North Meols would wish to contribute to the cost and share in its use.

It was reported that Title to the Station Road Play Area had at long last been granted to the Council by the Land Registry and that BT had agreed to a nominal wayleave payment in respect of the public telephone box, acknowledging the Council's title. The Clerk sought the Council's approval to conclude the Wayleave Agreement at a token rent, in order not to give BT cause to declare the site as unprofitable. The Clerk advised that as soon as he had completed this, he would deal with queries raised by the Beconsall Hotel.

RESOLUTION No. 81/2005 Carried that authority is delegated to the Clerk to conclude a Wayleave Agreement with BT in the sum of £20 pa.

A complaint had been received regarding a public seat around which youths were congregating. The Clerk had advised that this was a police matter and that the complainants should contact them. Members concluded that it would not be equitable to move the seat on the basis of one complaint, the Clerk was asked to speak with PC Corrigan.

The Clerk also referred to an email from a Shore Rd resident asking if a Councillor could attend a meeting of residents to explore ways forward with the problems on the recreation ground. Cllr Ashcroft offered to attend as a District Councillor and Cllr Standish-Gore volunteered for the Parish. The Clerk was asked to advise.

Various publications were made available.

PARISH PLAN

Cllr Kirby reported that there had been no further progress. Sub groups had not produced the survey documents and he himself had not been able to devote the necessary time to follow this up. It was agreed to appeal through the Newsletter in an attempt to widen the representation, the matter would then be reviewed at the April meeting.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

Clerk	Nett Salary	£589.72	100763
Clerk	Expenses	£154.99	100764
Clerk	Land Registry Search	£4.00	100764
Yates Playgrounds	Shore Rd	£25,140.30	100765
Brian Parkinson	Clear Ground Shore Rd	£423.00	100766
Brian Parkinson	Relocate Seat	£58.75	100766
Brian Parkinson	Remove Christmas Trees	£176.25	100766
Brian Parkinson	Grass and Leaves Station Rd	£47.00	100766
LAPTC	Area Committee Secretary	£30.00	100769
Clerk	Newsletter Gift Voucher	£20.00	100764
Clerk	SLCC Conference	£40.00	100764
Rawsthorns	Bowling Club lease	£235.00	100767
Kennedy Ptrship	Register Land	£372.13	100768

RESOLUTION No.82/2005 Carried that the accounts be paid forthwith

Receipts

Hesketh Bank Bowling Club (lease costs)	£235.00
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PUBLIC SPACE INSPECTION REPORTS / PLAYGROUND REPORTS received in respect Station Road. The Clerk noted that Mr Fowler had taken up his honorary duties inspecting Shore Road facilities. He also noted that the Council's insurers had confirmed that Mr Fowler would be covered as if he were an employee.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS Members were advised that the Clerk had contacted the Arboriculturist at WLDC and as a result, had compiled a list of site details and approached 'Ken Lynford' to carry out the work.

SHORE RD SITE LIABILITIES The Clerk reported to Members on his investigations into the question of responsibilities and liabilities with regard to the complete site. It is recommended that the use of the Recreation Ground by the Football Club and the Primary School should be formalised and rents charged if appropriate. The use of the Car-park should be controlled. Notices alerting members of the public to hazards should also be provided.

RESOLUTION No.83/2005 Carried that authority is delegated to the Clerk, with reference to the Chairman, to complete negotiations with the School and Football club to regularise the situation and fit the relevant notices and warnings. Any resultant licence or lease to be approved by full Council.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT

Members considered an application for a grant from "Hesketh Lane Pre-School". It was agreed to defer this until March in order that it may be considered with any other requests.

LANCASHIRE PLAYING FIELDS ASSOC

RESOLUTION No.84/2005 Carried that the Council renew its membership of the association

DRAFT BUDGET 2006/2007

Members considered the Draft Budget prepared by the Clerk. It was agreed to increase provision for Christmas Decorations to £750, the remainder of the draft being approved. This produced an increase of 6.27% over the current year and a Precept requirement of £58,270.00

RESOLUTION No.85/2005 Carried that the Council adopt the amended Draft Budget and set a Precept on West Lancashire District Council in the sum of £58,270.00 for the financial year 2006/2007

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

RESOLUTION No.86/2005 Carried that full delegated powers within the Budget provision be given to the 'Best Kept Village Sub-Committee'.

TRAFFIC CALMING MOSS LANE

Members considered the project proposed by Lancashire County Council to place "Speed Cushions" and other calming measures adjacent to the proposed development (originally by Bellway Homes – applic 8/2002/0144 refers) in Moss Lane. The Clerk advised that the original Planning consent was subject to a scheme, to be prepared by LCC, to be completed prior to any site works. The present developers were now anxious to proceed.

Considerable discussion took place. The Clerk was instructed to object to the scheme on the grounds that a) large articulated vehicles and trailers use this route extensively during the day and night and would have increased difficulty negotiating the planned alterations. b) The noise caused by multi-axled vehicles negotiating such cushions would be unacceptably noisy to adjacent residents.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:15pm

HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

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PRESENT

Cllr Mr.C.I.Ashcroft, Cllr. Mrs.N.M.Goodier, Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby, Cllr. Rev'd. R. Plant (Chairman), Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant, Cllr Mrs L.Standish Gore, Cllr Mr G Twigger
Mr Ian T Cropper, Parish Clerk & RFO.

CBM PC P Corrigan and two members of the general public were present.

POLICE MATTERS

PC Corrigan updated the meeting on progress in the area and answered questions from the Council and members of the public. He advised of a meeting at THS on the 13th of March at 7pm when details of the new Speed Indicating Devices (SPIDs) would be given. It was agreed that the Council Newsletter would incorporate official police information.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Foster enquired on several areas relating to Health and Safety, and Insurance. The Chairman advised him to formally write to the Clerk for this or any information he required.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs.C.Farrington (sickness), Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins (Private Commitments), Cllr. Mrs.J.Witter, (holidays).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ashcroft declared an interest in item 17 as a Member of West Lancashire District Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6th of February 2005

RESOLUTION No. 87/2005 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| Allotments | No meeting held. It was reported that a difficulty existed with plot 20 as Mr Banister, who owns the adjacent land had still not completed the cutting of his hedge and left other cuttings on the allotment. |
| Play Areas | No meeting held |
| CSG | No meeting held |
| Planning | No meeting held. |

SPORTS GROUND WORKING GROUP

Cllr Goodier requested the Council's indulgence to allow her to report on progress. She reported that the "*Andrew Harris Partnership*" who is the professional advisers to the group, had identified Hesketh Bank as being a deprived area for sporting facilities and as such were aiming to work in partnership with the Parish Council, WLDC and LCC. With this in mind it was decided to invite the firm to address the Council. Cllr Goodier agreed to liaise with the Clerk over dates.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reminded Members that, with having Quality Status in mind, it was necessary to tighten up procedures and disciplines at meetings; members needed to be more disciplined with contributions and remember that only Agenda items are to be discussed. The Chairman also noted that since his appointment, only Cllrs Tompkins and Murphy had put forward substantive propositions; he felt Members needed to be more involved and active. The bulk of Agenda items are placed by the Clerk and are normally reactive matters.

CLERK'S REPORT (for information)

Station Rd Play Area

The Wayleave agreement with BT in respect of telephone kiosk on the Station Rd Play Area was now complete.

A request to the owner of the vehicle parked on the Play Area had resulted in Mr Reynolds (licensee of the Beconsall Hotel) claiming that he owns the land. PC Corrigan had also spoken to vehicle owner and Mr Reynolds. Mr Reynolds had also been written to asking him to desist with his claims but to no avail. The Council agreed that the matter should now be placed with solicitors with instructions to seek an injunction if necessary

Traffic control signs (SPID s)

Tarleton & North Meols councils had been written to re the sharing of cost and use. The Clerk had had a verbal indication that Tarleton wished to 'keep their options open at this stage'. North Meols had yet to meet. The Clerk is still investigating various types of equipment on the market.

Bus Shelters

Work had started on the replacement shelter at Hundred End. The Clerk had held a further meeting regarding the location of a new shelter on Chapel Road/Cropper Gardens and a new site outside vacant land agreed subject to the bus operator's agreement.

Debtors

Invoices had been sent to all allotment holders and the three sports clubs in respect of the CSG

Shore Road

The Clerk had held a meeting with the school and agreement reached in principle on accepting liabilities and indemnifying the Council in respect of school use. The gate from the car park to be locked for 24hours, twice per annum during term time. Monday 3rd April to be first occasion

Shore Road Lighting

As the Council have reinstated the £30,000 for lighting provision, LCC have been asked to resurrect the scheme. The Clerk is continuing to pursue the question of a 50mph limit on the road with all the relevant bodies.

Shore Road Recreation Ground

Hedges - Work still not completed owing to ground being too wet for the weight of a tractor

Dog fouling – Due to excessive problem on Shore Road recreation ground, the Clerk has spoken with the WLDC dog warden regarding new signs, and signs on pavements. Members agreed that this should be highlighted in the Newsletter. The Clerk would pursue enforcement of the Parish Council's byelaw.

Poppyfields Adoption

Work to sewerage and roads being completed in anticipation of early adoption.

Land for School – Shore Rd

The Clerk had received a verbal request from the School regarding their need for increased grounds at Shore Rd. It was agreed that an Agenda item would be put to the April meeting.

Allotments

The Clerk was continuing to have difficulty establishing terms of ownership. He needed to trace details of Mrs Halliwell, who had previously licensed the land to the Council, in order to be able to examine her Will and establish her intentions.

Other Land Registrations

All other registrations are complete and copies available if Members require them.

Information Commissioners Office

Complaint received from Mr J E Hodson regarding the refusal to supply information last April. The Clerk outlined correspondence and legal advice received.

Other publications were made available

The Clerk was requested to follow up 'Tree Grants' from the Tree Council.

MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CONSULTATION

In this absence of Cllr Tompkins, it was agreed that this would be placed on the April agenda.

MARCH NEWSLETTER (Cllr Kirby)

Cllr Kirby reported that he would have the draft to Cllr Sergeant by 15th of March. Members made suggestions as to further content.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

Clerk	Nett Salary	£575.93	100770
Clerk	Expenses	£92.63	100771
Clerk	Companies House search	£4.00	100771
Clerk	Land Registry Titles & Plans	£26.00	100771

Clerk	VAT on Internet Hosting	£9.44	100771
Tree Check	Inspect Trees	£300.00	100772
Yates Playgrounds	Inspections	£98.70	100773
Yates Playgrounds	Repair Car park tarmac	£1222.00	100773
Autocross	Repair Bus Shelter	£1815.38	100774
Best Kept Village	Entry Fee	£10.00	100775
LAPTC	Subscription (2006/07)	£485.30	100776

RESOLUTION No.88/2005 Carried that the accounts be paid forthwith

Receipts

Hesketh Bank Bowling Club rent	£493.00
Hesketh Bank AFC rent	£212.00
BT Wayleave Payment	£20.00

PUBLIC SPACE INSPECTION REPORTS / PLAYGROUND REPORTS received in respect Station Road Centenary Sports Ground and Glen Park Drive

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

RESOLUTION No.89/2005 Carried that authority is delegated to the Clerk to carry out the recommendations contained in the “Evaluation of Condition” Report from “Ken Linford Tree Check Ltd”

BUS SHELTERS The Clerk reported to Members that his investigations had confirmed that no scheduled bus services used the stops at (Preston bound) Shore Rd/Glenpark Drive; Shore Rd/Allotments; Station Rd/Meadow Lane and (Southport bound) Station Rd/The Brow; Shore Rd/School. It was noted that some school services utilised these stops.

RESOLUTION No.90/2005 Carried that the shelter adjacent to the Car-Park on Shore Road should not be replaced and the Clerk is instructed to negotiate a cash settlement from the insurers and erect fencing in its place.

It was agreed Members would monitor the other four shelters with a view to discontinuing maintenance and insurance. The item to be placed on the April agenda.

PARISH REMUNERATION PANEL

RESOLUTION No.91/2005 Carried that the Parish Council amend their scheme in line with the Panel’s recommendation.

WEST LANCASHIRE’S COMMUNITY STRATEGY

Members considered a letter from Peter Bradford from WLDC regarding the strategy. In the absence of a Parish Plan, it was agreed that the Clerk should highlight the problems of the infrastructure in the area.

LAPTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

As several Members were absent, it was agreed to place this item on the April Agenda

SUB COMMITTEES

As several Members were absent, it was agreed to place this item on the April Agenda

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

An application from Hesketh Lane Pre-School was presented. Members considered that this was probably a commercial concern. It was decided that the Council's original resolution should stand to the Air Ambulance and the Pre-School be advised that they were unsuccessful.

TENDERS

It was agreed that this be dealt with by the Recreation and Play Areas Sub-Committee following the main meeting.

PARISH CHARTERS

The Clerk outlined progress to date. He recommended acceptance, as written, to the WLDC document but felt unable to do so with the LCC document, which he believed, lacked substance.

RESOLUTION No.92/2005 Carried that the Council accept both Charters as written.

CASUAL VACANCY

The Clerk advised of a letter from Mrs Saynor requesting that she be considered for the vacancy.

RESOLUTION No.93/2005 Carried that Mrs Saynor be co-opted to the Council to fill the current vacancy.

PLANNING DECISIONS

The Clerk advised Members of current decisions

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:25pm