

HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3rd April 2006 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. Rev'd. R. Plant (Chairman), Cllr Mrs.M.Saynor, Cllr Mrs L.Standish Gore,
Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins, Cllr Mr G Twigger
Mr Ian T Cropper, Parish Clerk & RFO.

Six members of the general public were present.

PRESENTATION

Sue Wilkinson from the Andrew Harris Partnership gave give a short presentation to the meeting on the progress and visions for the Community Sports Centre. She also looked for financial support from the Council.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Foster reported a complaint regarding some play equipment at Shore Road; he also distributed a letter requesting various information.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby (Private Commitment), Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant (Private Commitment), Cllr. Mrs.J.Witter, (holidays).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6th of March 2005

RESOLUTION No. 94/2005 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments No meeting held

Play Areas A meeting had been held following the March Council meeting which approved contractors' tenders. Draft Minutes had been distributed

CSG No meeting held

Planning No meeting held.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman commended the Council for the amount of work now being undertaken and was evidence that the Council was successfully moving forward.

He went on to express concern over the irregularity of the Newsletter. Cllr Kirby had been unable to come tonight and was apparently very busy. It was suggested that as an interim measure, the Clerk be asked to produce this issue in order to allow Cllr Kirby to catch up. This was agreed subject to Cllr Kirby's agreement.

CLERK'S REPORT (for information)

Station Rd Play Area

The Council's Solicitor has written to Mr Reynolds requesting that he desists from making allegations as to his ownership of the site and from giving 'permission' for cars to be parked there for sale. Failure to comply would result in an application to the courts for an injunction.

Traffic control signs (SPID s)

Tarleton have declined at this time to join the proposed cluster. North Meols have shown positive interest and will be meeting the following day. In view of this it was agreed other local Councils should be approached. The Clerk reminded the Council that they had preferred the type of sign that was more 'official' looking rather than the 'gimmicky' smiling faces. The problem with this is that LCC had wanted to standardise the type of sign and the information obtained. Members agreed they would prefer to stay with their original decision although if 'Smilies' were the only acceptable option then they would go along with that.

Shore Road

The Clerk was pleased to advise that as a result of the Council's representations and pressure, LCC were now putting forward a scheme for a reduction in the speed limit on Shore Road/Marsh Rd to 50mph. This has received police backing and will now go out to consultation.

Seating – Beconsall Lane

The seat outside number 30 Beconsall Lane had apparently been stolen and the matter reported to the Police. On investigation it transpired that this had been removed by the adjacent property owners who have alleged that it was on their property. **Cllr Ashcroft declared an interest** as he had had dealings with the residents as a District Councillor. The Clerk was asked to pursue.

Other Matters

Correspondence from Air Ambulance; BNFL; CVS; Fylde Borough Council; DEFRA, LCC Combined Fire Authority; and ODPM was made available.

MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CONSULTATION

Cllr Tompkins reported that to date she had not found any matter which needed the Council's attention. She would report further in due course if necessary.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

Clerk	Nett Salary	£576.15	100779
Clerk	Expenses	£96.89	100780
HMRC	PAYE / NIC Payments	£806.83	100781
Kennedy Ptnrs	Re Allotments	£344.75	100782
Parkinson	Various minor items	£47.00	100783

RESOLUTION No.95/2005 Carried that the accounts be paid forthwith

Receipts

Hesketh Bank Cricket Club rent	£247.00
Allianz Cornhill (re Bus Shelter)	£1420.00
Allotments	
Watkinson	£15
Bond	£45
Chadwick	£45
Bibby	£30
Riley	£15
Baxter	£45
Trippier	£15
Whiteside	£45

PUBLIC SPACE INSPECTION REPORTS / PLAYGROUND REPORTS received in respect of Station Road.

It was noted that excessive water was draining from the embankment at Shore Road. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain an estimate for the installation of a drainage channel and gully at the base of the embankment.

COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE

Members considered the report by Sue Wilkinson and her request for funding. It was noted that plans were also in development at the Christian Fellowship for community facilities. After discussion, it was agreed that an agenda item would be placed by Cllr Goodier/The Clerk proposing a contribution of £50,000 towards the Community Sports Centre initiative.

BUS SHELTERS The Clerk reported to Members that his investigations had confirmed that no School services used the stops at Shore Rd/Glen Park Drive; Shore Rd/Allotments and Station Rd/The Brow. Members were not satisfied that these shelters were not used and it was therefore decided to leave the status quo.

BANK MANDATE

RESOLUTION No.96/2005 Carried that Cllr Farrington and The Clerk be added to the Bank Mandate.

STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION No.97/2005 Carried that Standing Orders are placed in respect of David Ward (Shelter Cleaning) and Brian Parkinson (Various Grounds Mtce) as per the accepted tenders.

LAPTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION No.98/2005 Carried that the Clerk attends on Saturday and Sunday, Cllr. Plant on Saturday and Cllr. Saynor on Sunday at a cost to the Council of £140 + expenses.

SUB COMMITTEES

The following appointments were made:-

Recreation & Playgrounds Sub-Committee – Cllr Saynor.

Centenary Sports Ground Sub-Committee – as the committee hadn't met, it was agreed that no appointment would be made and that the committee would not be re-constituted at the Annual Meeting.

Planning Sub-Committee – Cllr Twigger.

CLERKS CONTRACT

RESOLUTION No.99/2005 Carried that the Clerk's Remuneration be increased by one scale point from 1st April 2006 in line with his contract of employment.

TRAINING

RESOLUTION No.100/2005 Carried that New Councillor Training is arranged for Cllrs Twigger and Saynor ASAP and that the Clerk attends the CiLCA course at a cost of £75 + expenses

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION No.101/2005 Carried that Cllr Twigger is put forward as a nominee for the Standards Committee.

SCHOOL GROUNDS

Cllrs. Ashcroft and Plant declared an interest as Governors and Cllr. Standish-Gore as a parent of a pupil. Members considered a request from All Saints Primary School for an extension to the school grounds by encroachment on the Shore Road recreation ground. Members agreed that land should not be sold.

RESOLUTION No.102/2005 Carried that the Clerk be authorised to negotiate a suitable License or agreement for the school to use this area and erect fencing. All costs, including the relocation of the machinery access gate and any legal costs, to be borne by the school.

MILLENNIUM GARDEN

The area has now been cleared. It was suggested that the school garden club could consider utilising the area. It was agreed the Chairman/Cllr Standish-Gore would speak with the Head Teacher.

TREE GRANTS

It was agreed that this be incorporated with the Millennium Garden and possibly adjacent to the changing container.

PLANNING DECISIONS

The Clerk advised Members that there were no new decisions to report.

ANNUAL MEETING and PARISH ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION No.103/2005 Carried that both meetings be postponed to Monday 8th May

ITEMS RECEIVED SINCE AGENDA PUBLICATION (for information)

The Clerk advised that an amended application was expected in respect of the low-cost housing in Moss Lane. He also noted an application in North Meols from Riccadonna for the retention of seasonal caravans.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:35pm

Chairman _____  _____

HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 8th May 2006 at 8:30pm 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. Rev'd.R. Plant (Chairman), Cllr. Mrs M.Saynor; Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant,
Cllr. Mrs.L.Standish-Gore; Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins, Cllr. Mr.G.Twigger; Cllr. Mrs J.Witter
Mr. Ian T.Cropper, Parish Clerk & RFO

Six members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION 1/2006 Carried Unanimously that Cllr. R Plant is appointed **Chairman**.

Cllr Plant thanked the Council for the confidence expressed.

The Chairman then signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

RESOLUTION 2/2006 Carried Unanimously that Cllr. P Sergeant is appointed **Vice-Chairman**.

RESOLUTION 3/2006 Carried Unanimously that Cllr. R Plant, Cllr I Ashcroft and Mr Cropper (clerk) be appointed to the **LAPTC Area Committee**.

RESOLUTION 4/2006 Carried Unanimously that Cllr. P Sergeant is appointed **Trustee to the Village Institute**.

RESOLUTION 5/2006 Carried Unanimously that Cllr. P Sergeant is appointed the Council's representative on the **Lancashire Playing Fields Association**.

RESOLUTION 6/2006 Carried Unanimously that Cllr. H Tompkins is appointed the Council's representative on **Environmental Matters**.

RESOLUTION 7/2006 Carried Unanimously that Cllr. C Farrington is appointed the Council's representative on the **Tarleton High School's Users Committee**.

RESOLUTION 8/2006 Carried Unanimously that the **Planning Committee**, with full Executive Powers, is Cllr. L Standish-Gore, Cllr. S Kirby and Cllr. G Twigger.

RESOLUTION 9/2006 Carried Unanimously that the Recreation Ground and **Play Areas Committee**, with full Executive Powers, is Cllr. N Goodier, Cllr. S Kirby and Cllr. M Saynor.

RESOLUTION 10/2006 Carried Unanimously that the **Allotments Committee**, with full Executive Powers, is Cllr. C Farrington, Cllr. J Witter and Cllr. P Sergeant

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. S Kirby.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3rd April 2006

RESOLUTION No. 11/2006 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. N Goodier declared a non-prejudicial interest in item 23

Cllr. P Sergeant declared a prejudicial interest in item 23

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments No report.

Play Areas No report.

Planning No report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It was noted with regret that the promised work to the 'changing cabin' had still not been completed; Cllr Sergeant promised to follow this up.

CLERK'S REPORT

Maps of public open space and play areas not in the control of the CPC and unmanaged land were made available to Members. The Clerk requested that Members inspect the various parcels to enable a discussion at the June meeting.

SPIDs - The Clerk was still waiting for a response from North Meols and other parish councils.

Station Road Play Area – The Clerk updated members on Mr Reynolds allegedly illegal use of the land.

Village Hall – CCTV – The Clerk had spoken with Mr Birkby and it had been agreed that the proposal was not viable.

A VAT rebate for £8,192.55 has been claimed.

It was noted that the Bus Stop on Hesketh Lane had been satisfactorily relocated adjacent to the shelter

Liability issue – Trees at Shore Rd recreation ground. The Clerk suggested he report in 'Part Two' if time permitted.

The WLDC Annual Audit and Inspection letter was made available

North West Planning Aid

A workshop was planned at Myerscough College on 19th of May. Any Members wishing to attend were asked to advise the Clerk by 12th May.

LCC Bus Services – A consultation letter had been received from LCC regarding the withdrawal of certain services. Concern regarding the Tarleton Ormskirk route was expressed. In view of the timescale, the Clerk was asked to respond with the Council’s concern over this route and the possible extension of the 303 route to Hesketh Bank.

MILLENIUM GARDEN

Cllr. Plant reported that he had had discussions with the Headmaster at All Saints primary School and that the matter was progressing. He would report further in due course.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

Accounts paid between meetings

Clerk	Nett Salary	£615.65	100787
Clerk	Expenses	£98.61	100788

Accounts for Payment

Champion Newspapers	Newsletter delivery	£31.70	100789
Ken Linford	Tree Pruning & felling	£470.00	100790
PS Printing	Newsletter	£176.25	100791
Brian Parkinson	Removal damaged Bus-Shelter	£105.75	100792
Yates Playgrounds	Path across Recreation Ground	£9,047.50	100793
Allianz Cornhill Insurance	Comprehensive Insurance	£1,449.13	100794

RESOLUTION No.12/2006 Carried that payment of the above accounts between meetings be ratified and the accounts now presented be paid forthwith

Receipts

Precept 1 st tranche	£29,135.00
Concurrent 1 st tranche	£2,542.87
Mr White (Allotments)	£15.00

INTERNAL AUDITOR

RESOLUTION No.13/2006 Carried that the Clerk is authorised to appoint Mr L L Watson or a LAPTC recommended person to undertake the Internal Audit.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS & ANNUAL RETURN

The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) presented the Council’s accounts for the year to 31st March 2006.

Members considered the Annual Return ‘Statement of Accounts’ and their responses to the ‘Statement of Assurance’

RESOLUTION No.14/2006 Carried that the Council accept the Annual Accounts and the Annual Return ‘Statement of Accounts’ as presented and respond positively to all items on the Annual Return ‘Statement of Assurance’

MEETINGS FOR 2006/2007

RESOLUTION No.15/2006 Carried that the pattern of meetings be the first Monday in the month unless this is a bank holiday then the meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month; a meeting not being held in August.

ACCESS GATE RECREATION GROUND

RESOLUTION No.16/2006 Carried under the **Local Government Act 1972, Sch14, para27** to accept the tender to provide and install a lockable 'Vertical Swing Boom' access gate from School Fold to the Recreation Ground to bar access to un-authorized vehicles at an estimated cost of £420+VAT.

It was noted that keys will be required for the School, Mtce firms and the Football Club.

SKATEBOARDING FACILITIES

Cllr. Tompkins advised that she was unable to report at the present time but requested an agenda item for the June meeting.

PUBLIC SEAT – BECCONSALL LANE

The Clerk gave his report following his investigations and meeting with the complainants.

RESOLUTION No.17/2006 Carried that under the **Parish Councils Act 1957 para1** the seat is relocated adjacent to the old church.

DRAINAGE – SHORE RD CAR PARK

The Clerk reported on his investigations into the flow of water from the field embankment across the car park.

RESOLUTION No.18/2006 Carried under the **Local Government Act 1972, Sch14, para27** that the tender to provide a drainage channel, silt sump and connection to adjacent inspection chamber at an estimated cost of £400+VAT be accepted.

NALC CONFERENCE

Members deferred the decision on possible attendance until the June meeting.

WLDC STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Clerk apologised that for some unknown reason, Cllr Twigger's nomination for the election had apparently been lost in the post. Members considered the 'profiles' submitted by candidates.

RESOLUTION No.19/2006 Carried that Council vote for Michael Hammond and David Kitson.

STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION No.20/2006 Carried that being 9-30pm, **Standing Order 23** be suspended to allow the Agenda business to be completed.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT (£50,000) – HESKETH BANK FOOTBALL CLUB

Cllr Sergeant stated, that as Chairman of the Football Club, he had a prejudicial interest in the matter and left the premises.

The Clerk confirmed that a donation could be made to the Hesketh Bank Football Club in respect of the proposed Community Sports Facility project under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Para 19. Initially only a pledge was being sought but assuming this pledge was called, finance would be required in the 2007/2008 financial year.

The Clerk noted that if the Council wished to accede to the request for the full £50,000, a loan would undoubtedly be required to finance at least part of it. Up to £25,000 could probably be financed out of resources in the 07/08 financial year without further borrowing, depending on the final cost of the Shore Road street lighting project. The Clerk and Chairman also reminded the Council that history would suggest that similar funding had not been handled well, correctly or legally by the Parish Council and urged Members to be circumspect in this matter. Members were advised to consider if further public consultation was appropriate.

In response to queries Cllr Goodier confirmed to the meeting that the main grant was being sought from the Football Foundation, who despite their name promoted all types of sport, and that this would only be considered when £250,000 had been pledged elsewhere. In addition the Foundation grant would be subject to the facilities being available to the whole village. Considerable and lengthy robust debate ensued.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA PROPOSITION No.21/2006 Lost that the figure of £25,000 be substituted in place of £50,000. [For: Saynor, Standish-Gore] [Against: Ashcroft, Goodier, Farrington, Tompkins Twigger, Witter,] [Abstention: Plant]

RESOLUTION No.22/2006 Carried [For: Ashcroft, Goodier, Farrington, Twigger, Witter] [Against: Tompkins, Saynor, Standish-Gore] [Abstention: Plant] that the Council, under the **Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Para 19.3a**, agree to pledge the sum of £50,000 in principle to the Community Sports facility which the Football Club intend to provide on land adjacent to the Centenary Sports Ground as detailed in the approved planning consent. The decision being subject to the balance of the funds required being in place, the Council being satisfied as to the viability of the financial plan and the funds being for the purpose of the new planning-approved facility only before the pledge is realised. The Clerk was asked to inform the club accordingly.

RESOLUTION No.23/2006 Carried that under the **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Para 1(2)** members of the public and press be excluded for the next item of business on the grounds that it may involve future litigation and prejudice the Council's position.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The Clerk reported on the claim of liability against the Council regarding damage alleged to have been caused by tree roots to the property at 4 School Fold.

Cllr Twigger advised that the complainant was now of the opinion, following the result of a survey, that as the trees pre-date the building a liability claim against the Council does not exist. However to minimise repair costs they are seeking the Council's assistance and requesting the felling of tree(s) adjacent to their premises to stabilise the foundations.

It was agreed the Clerk should pursue the matter in an effort to find an amicable solution whilst protecting the Council's position.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10:05pm

Chairman _____  _____

HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 5th June 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. 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

(a) Arrived during item 10

Seven members of the general public were present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Roberts made observations regarding past problems and the current running of the Council. He also urged the Council to address the issue of 'double taxation'.
Mr Foster drew the attention of the Council, with photographs, to alleged health and safety matters.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from. Cllr. Mrs M.Saynor (Sickness); Cllr. Mr.G.Twigger.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 8th May 2006

RESOLUTION No. 24/2006 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. Plant and Standish-Gore declared a non-prejudicial interest in item 8

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments No report.

Play Areas No report.

Planning No report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman voiced his concern regarding documents which had been circulated to Members by the Clerk. These clearly contained privileged information, but despite this they were passed to members of the public resulting in incorrect information being circulated in the village and appearing on websites. Councillors were reminded to refer all queries to the Clerk.

CLERK'S REPORT

SPIDs - The Clerk was still waiting for a response from North Meols and other parish councils.

The Clerk reported on his meetings regarding damage alleged to have been caused by tree roots to private property. The alleged tardy response by the Parish Council had in fact come about by the complainant's insurers dealing with WLDC and LCC. However, correct contact had now been established and the matter pursued.

The Clerk advised that Parish Councillors Michael Hammond and David Kitson had been appointed to The WLDC Standards Committee.

The Parish Charter with WLDC had now been completed and would be coming to Councils for adoption shortly.

It was reported that Mr L. Watson had agreed to undertake the Internal Audit again.

Mr Fowler had decided that he did not wish to continue with inspections on Shore Road; Cllr Saynor has agreed to take over the task.
The Chairman thanked Mr Fowler for his work.

MILLENIUM GARDEN

Cllr. Plant reported that he was progressing the matter with the Head Teacher

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

WLLR	Best Kept Village	£100.00	100795
Clerk	Nett Salary	£627.41	100796
Clerk	Expenses	£130.98	100797
Barry Dawson	Hedge work Shore Rd	£585.00	100798
Kennedy Ptnrs	Inspecting draft licence	£35.25	100799

RESOLUTION No.25/2006 Carried that the accounts now presented be paid forthwith

RESOLUTION No.26/2006 Carried the Council fully supports the Draft Order under the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984** for the reduction of the speed limit on Shore Road, Hesketh Bank and Marsh Road, Banks

RESOLUTION No.27/2006 Carried that the Council approve the Draft Licence to occupy an area of the Shore Road Recreation Ground by All Saints CofE Primary School as presented.

SKATEBOARDING FACILITIES Cllr Tompkins asked if the item could be deferred to the July meeting; this was agreed.

OPEN SPACES Maps of public open space and play areas not in the control of the CPC and unmanaged land were discussed by Members. It was agreed that the Council should investigate the

improvement of all these areas and the adoption of Play Areas and Public Open Space if appropriate. The Clerk was authorised to investigate all the sites and report in due course on the costs, liabilities and possible finance available through section 106 agreements and commuted sums of money available.

TRAINING It was confirmed that Cllrs Saynor and Twigger would attend the “New Councillors” training on Saturday 22nd July at a total cost of £60 plus expenses.

DRUGS ABUSE Members discussed alleged problems with apparent drugs use and trafficking at various locations in the village. These include Cropper Gardens; The Centenary Sports Ground; The Village Institute; All Saints Hall and areas adjacent to the Beconsall Hotel. It was agreed that this matter should be taken up by the Clerk with the WLDC Chief Executive, Mr Taylor. It was noted that previous complaints to the Police had not had the desired response.

NALC CONFERENCE It was agreed that costs made attendance at the event prohibitive.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:05pm

HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

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

PRESENT

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

Ten members of the general public were present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Roberts made observations regarding the level of precept set by the Council. He also noted that three Members who were resident outside the village had voted in favour of the Community Sports Facility grant.

Mrs Rigby asked the Council to support efforts to establish skateboarding facilities.

Mr Foster raised numerous queries regarding health and safety.

The Chairman reminded those present that should they require replies to their concerns, they should write to the Clerk.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs.N.M.Goodier

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5th June 2006

RESOLUTION No. 28/2006 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. Ashcroft, Plant and Standish-Gore declared a non-prejudicial interest in item 8

Cllr. Witter declared a prejudicial interest in item 4 (Allotment report) as her brother had applied for an allotment.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments Cllr Farrington reported that a gentleman from Glen Park Drive had taken over plot 4 and that another gentleman was looking to take a plot on the Chapel Rd site.

Play Areas No report.

Planning No report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that he was still awaiting a response from the agents in respect of the alleged tree damage on the Shore Road park.

In response to the Council's concerns regarding drugs, Mr Lussey from WLDC had offered to address the September meeting with a representative from Lancashire Police. It was agreed that this should be accepted and that an open public meeting should commence at 7-00pm prior to the Council meeting proper

It was noted that the Council's insurers had now settled the claim regarding the Shore Road bus shelter at full value (less excess) rather than on an indemnity basis.

Progress had been made on the Allotment site ownership and it was now hoped that registration would be effected by October.

The Clerk noted that he had had a positive response to his overtures to have bus service number 303 extended to Hesketh Bank. He hoped to report further shortly.

It was noted that during the first year of operation, the Council's website had achieved 2,400 unique hits; this was considered an excellent response. Cllr Standish-Gore proposed a vote of thank to the Clerk for his work on this.

The Clerk advised that he had received two further complaints, a total of four, regarding the grant to the Community Sports project; he was dealing with responses to the matters raised.

MILLENIUM GARDEN

Cllr. Plant reported that he was progressing the matter with the Head Teacher

PARISH PLAN

Cllr. Kirby advised that response to the appeal in the newsletter had been poor with only two people putting their names forward. The Clerk suggested other ways forward and in particular the possibility of the Council producing a "Village Design Statement". It was agreed to investigate this route.

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Cllr. Kirby advised that the June Newsletter had gone out on time and thanked Cllr. Sergeant for his extra work which ensured that this had happened. He also noted concern that many houses were still being missed. The Clerk advised that he was working with the "Champion" to compile a list; several Members offered to deliver once the extent of the problem was known.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

For Ratification

WL Light Railway	Best Kept Village	£50.00	100800
Lancs CTP	Training Courses	£60.00	100801

(subsequently cancelled – see Resolution No.36/2006)

PWLB	Loan Repayment	£1,671.56	100802
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Now Presented

Clerk	Nett Salary	£621.10	100803
Clerk	Expenses	£98.66	100804
PSP Printing	News Letter	£176.25	100806
Yates Playgrounds	Fencing Shore Road	£499.37	100805
L L Watson	Internal Audit	£100.00	100807
LexisNexis	Local Council Admin	£53.45	100808
Champion Group	Newsletter delivery	£31.80	100809
HMRC	PAYE & NIC	£864.36	100810

RESOLUTION No.29/2006 Carried that the accounts now presented be paid forthwith

Receipts to the Council's Bank Account

Insurance Settlement	£1,990.00
VAT Reclaim	£8,192.55

RESOLUTION No.30/2006 Carried, under **The Local Government Act 1972 s111**, that the Council become a signatory to the West Lancashire District Council "Parish and Town Council Charter"

RESOLUTION No.31/2006 Carried under **The Local Government Act 1972 s127** that the Council approve, and the Clerk be authorised to sign, the Engrossed Licence to occupy an area of the Shore Road Recreation Ground by All Saints CofE Primary School, as presented.

SKATEBOARDING FACILITIES

Cllr Tompkins gave a presentation on proposals, by the appointed committee, to provide "Skateboarding Facilities" within the Parish. She advised that the original proposal to provide these facilities on newly acquired land was not possible at this stage. It was therefore suggested that a "half-pipe" deck could be provided on the Station Road play area along with a smaller traditional area; second-hand equipment had been sourced.

Members raised several queries and it was therefore agreed that a site meeting would be convened on Thursday 6th July.

It was agreed that Cllr Tompkins would ask Yates Playgrounds to provide detailed dimensioned plans, a comprehensive costing, a risk assessment and if possible ask Mr Yates to attend the site meeting.

The Clerk advised that a prior engagement may prevent his attendance, but in that event he would provide Members with a check list.

RESOLUTION No.32/2006 Carried under **The Public Health Act 1875, s164**, that the Council agree in principle to pursue the scheme to install a skateboarding "Half-Pipe" at the Station Road Play Area subject to the agreement of satisfactory plans, costing, risk assessment and decisions on consultation.

SPID

RESOLUTION No.33/2006 Carried that under **The Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s30**, the Council delegate authority to the Clerk to liaise with LCC and the Police for the purchase and deployment of equipment within the budgeted allowance.

INTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLUTION No.34/2006 Carried that the Council **Receive the Internal Auditor's Report** and that this is noted and actioned as appropriate.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

RESOLUTION No.35/2006 Carried that the Council adopts the "**Complaints Procedure**" now presented.

TRAINING

Members considered the query raised by WLDC Standards Committee on "**Constitutional Training**" for Parish Councils. The Clerk also put forward the possibility of local training for the whole Council.

RESOLUTION No.36/2006 Carried under **The Local Government Act 1972 s111**, that the Council request the County Training Partnership to provide on site constitutional training for the Council at Hesketh Bank in the Autumn.

The Clerk was requested to advise the WLDC Monitoring Officer and also cancel training previously arranged, if possible, for Cllrs Saynor and Twigger.

BRIGHTER STREET FURNITURE

Members considered drawings put forward by Year 3 from All Saints School to '*brighten up street furniture*'. The Council were impressed with the effort and thought behind the project.

RESOLUTION No.37/2006 Carried under **The Local Government Act 1972 s145** that the Council donate the sum of £25 for art materials to year 3 towards their work.

A best entry was also judged.

RESOLUTION No.38/2006 Carried that the Clerk under **The Litter Act 1983 s5**, prepare proposals at a cost of up to £250 to manufacture the winning design for use on the Station Road Play Areas.

LCC CONSULTATION (Library and Information)

The Council considered that as a library did not exist in Hesketh Bank, no response was necessary.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:25pm

HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 24th July 2006 at 8:00pm 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. Mrs H.J.Tompkins;
Mr. Ian T.Cropper, Parish Clerk & RFO

Eight members of the general public were present.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant; Cllr.Mrs.M.Saynor;
Cllr. Mrs.L.Standish-Gore; Cllr. Mr.G.Twigger; Cllr. Mrs J.Witter

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3rd July 2006

RESOLUTION No. 39/2006 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made

SKATEBOARDING FACILITIES

The Clerk updated the meeting as to the reasons for the extra-ordinary meeting. It was noted that following the site visit on the 6th of July, the conclusion was reached that the site was unsuitable; Resolution 32/2006 therefore fell.

Members discussed at length proposals relating to the provision of facilities at the Shore Road ground. It was noted that no provision was made within the current budget and that reserves would therefore have to be used; the Clerk recommended a maximum expenditure of £10,000 should the Council decide to proceed. Alternative equipment constructed from timber and manufactured by "David Childs" was considered by Members.

RESOLUTION No. 40/2006 Carried that Council commit, in principle, to provide skateboarding facilities at the Shore Road recreation ground, in line with the discussions on site on the 6th July, subject to consultation with adjacent residents, potential users, risk assessment and finance.

RESOLUTION No. 41/2006 Carried that the Clerk is instructed to purchase the "Half-pipe Ramp" from Croston Parish Council at a cost of £500 plus dismantling, removal and re-instatement expenses at Croston estimated at £1,000.

RESOLUTION No. 42/2006 Carried that the Clerk is instructed to prepare a full report in respect of resolution 40/2006 for consideration by the Council.

WASTE BIN

Members considered the quotation from "Mere Brow Smithy"

RESOLUTION No. 43/2006 Carried that the Clerk is instructed to have manufactured the winning design litter bin at a cost of £250.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:10pm

Chairman _____  _____

HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 4th September 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. Mr.S.Kirby; Cllr. Rev'd.R. Plant (Chairman); Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant; Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins^a; Cllr. Mrs J.Witter.
Mr. Ian T.Cropper, Parish Clerk & RFO

^a) Left after item 7

Twenty two members of the general public were present.

BEHAVIOURAL CONCERNS

Mr Brian Lussey, Community Safety WLDC, addressed the meeting regarding his role and that of the "Multi Agency Problem Solving" (MAPS) team. Members of the public were very vocal regarding alleged drug selling and use, and general vandalism and unsocial behaviour within the village. Mr Lussey agreed to follow up several alleged negative attitudes from the police. It was noted that despite the Chief executive's assurance, the police had not attended the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Several members of the public voiced their concerns regarding the possibility of skateboarding facilities being provided on Shore Road Park. Representations were also made in support of the scheme both by potential users and adults.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs.C.Farrington; Cllr. Mrs M.Saynor;
Cllr. Mrs.L.Standish-Gore; Cllr.Mr.G.Twigger

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 24th July 2006

RESOLUTION No. 44/2006 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments No report

Play Areas No report.

Planning No report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman thanked Members and members of the public for the free and frank discussion on the controversial subject of skateboarding provision.

CLERK'S REPORT

Shore Rd Trees - The Clerk reported that at long last the aggrieved party's insurers were in communication with the Council. It was made clear that there had not been any procrastination by the Council and that delay had been caused solely by the insured's agent wrongly pursuing WLDC and LCC. It was estimated that the cost of complying with the request was in the region of £1,200.

The Clerk reported that the cost of providing bollards at the Station Road play area had been £446.50 incl VAT.

It was reported that the Land Registry had now granted Absolute Title to the Council in respect of the Allotments. The Clerk noted that all work was now complete in respect of documentation for the Council's various parcels of land and that it only remained to have professional valuations done to complete the asset register.

It was noted that the Clerk was meeting with LCC this week to progress the plan to install lighting on Shore Road.

An invitation had been received to the "Caring for Carers" AGM

The Integrated Risk Management Plan from the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service was made available for Members. Observations were required by 10th November.

A letter of thanks had been received from the West Lancs Light Railway in respect of the donation made to them in connection with the Best Kept Village competition.

PARISH PLAN

Cllr. Kirby had looked into the possibility of the Council producing a "Village Design Statement". It was acknowledged that this fell well short of a full village plan. It was agreed that the matter should be placed on the agenda in October.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

It was noted that this would be published early October.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

For Ratification

All Saints School	Award	£25.00	100811
Clerk	Nett Salary	£621.09	100812
Clerk	Expenses	£114.19	100813

Now Presented

Clerk	Nett Salary	£614.87	100814
Clerk	Expenses	£89.32	100815

One and One	Internet hosting 6 mths	£63.38	100816
Yates Playgrounds	Quarterly inspections	£148.05	100817
Brian Parkinson	Bollards Station Rd Play Area	£446.50	100818
Kennedy Partnership	Legal advice re Station Rd	£61.25	100819
Brian Parkinson	Drainage gullies Shore Road	£470.00	100820
Barry Dawson	Shore Rd Hedges	£340.00	100821
Kennedy Partnership	Registration Allotments	£75.50	100822
Mere Brow Smithy	Waste Bin (school competition)	£293.75	100823

RESOLUTION No.45/2006 Carried that the accounts now presented are paid forthwith and that the payment of accounts paid between meetings is ratified.

SKATEBOARDING FACILITIES

The Clerk presented a written report to Members on the proposal to provide a “half pipe ramp” with costings and the results of the public consultation.

Lengthy discussion followed centred around the various concerns of residents.

The Clerk suggested that a suitable way forward might be to tackle the existing behavioural problems first by the installation of CCTV equipment on site; existing problems could then be monitored before a decision on skateboarding is made. He noted that from brief discussions the school would probably be willing to contribute to the cost and there was a strong likelihood of a grant from WLDC. The Clerk estimated the total cost to be in the region of £9,000. It was agreed that the Clerk should pursue this line and present a report to the Council as soon as possible

RESOLUTION No.46/2006 Carried, that the proposal to provide Skateboarding facilities at the Shore Road recreation ground be adjourned to the October meeting.

RESOLUTION No.47/2006 Carried that the Council request “Lancashire Local” to look at other ways of communicating with Parishes than through the Area Committee of LAPTC as not all Parishes were members of LAPTC.

RESOLUTION No.48/2006 Carried that the Clerk will represent the Council at the LAPTC AGM

RESOLUTION No.49/2006 Carried that the Clerk is authorised to carry out repair works to the Station Rd Play area as recommended by Yates Play equipment and install new fencing along the rear boundary parallel to Station Rd.

RESOLUTION No50/2006 Carried that the Clerk arrange an in house training event on Procedures and Good working Practice; provisional date 13th November 2006.

RESOLUTION No51/2006 Carried to adjourn item 12 (LAPTC Accounts) to the October meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:10pm

HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 2nd October 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. Mrs.N.M.Goodier; Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby;
Cllr. Rev'd.R. Plant (Chairman); Cllr. Mrs M.Saynor; Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant;
Cllr. Mrs.L.Standish-Gore ^b; Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins; Cllr. Mrs J.Witter.
Mr. Ian T.Cropper, Parish Clerk & RFO

a) Arrived during item 8

b) Left after item 12

Sixteen members of the general public were present.

PUBLIC FORUM

A delegation of members of the public voiced their concerns regarding the possibility of skateboarding facilities being provided on Shore Road Park. A petition of seventy six signatories was presented to the Council objecting to the proposition.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Twigger

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 4th September 2006

RESOLUTION No. 52/2006 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments It was reported that the vacant allotment had been taken up by two local ladies

Play Areas No report.

Planning No report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report

CLERK'S REPORT

Shore Rd Trees – It was reported that the offending trees had been felled and the stumps ground off

The Clerk reported that the Information Commissioner had concluded that the Council had been in order to refuse information under the FOI act on the basis that the collation of the requested information would exceed the appropriate limit.

It was noted that no awards had been won in Best Kept Village Competition. The Clerk noted that Tarleton had been runners-up in the Championship class and proposed that a letter of congratulations should be sent.

Litter Bin Competition – Members were advised that arrangements were in hand to install this at 10am on Friday 13th October.

Training – It had not been possible to arrange a training day as suggested. It was agreed this should be re-arranged for the new year.

Other documents were made available to Members

PARISH PLAN

It was agreed that Mr Roberts be approached to see if he would consider taking on the lead role.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

It was agreed that the Clerk would produce the newsletter hopefully for distribution on the 25th of October.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

Clerk	Nett Salary	£624.35	100824
Clerk	Expenses	£116.86	100825
Brian Parkinson	Tree Felling	£1057.50	100826
BDO Stoy Hayward	Audit	£411.25	100827
HMRC	PAYE & NIC	£876.29	100828
Brian Parkinson	Recreation Ground Gate	£493.50	100829

RESOLUTION No.53/2006 Carried that the accounts now presented are paid forthwith.

Receipts

Precept 2 nd tranche	WLDC	£29,135.00
Allotments		£7.50

Budget Out-turn

The RFO presented the out-turn as at the 30th September 2006 with estimated year end figures.

RESOLUTION No.54/2006 Carried that the report is noted and that no re-allocation between budget heads was necessary at this time

SKATEBOARDING FACILITIES (46/2006 refers)

RESOLUTION No.55/2006 Carried that the matter be deferred pending decisions regarding the installation of CCTV equipment.

ANNUAL RETURN

The Council noted that the External Auditor had not raised any matters and that the Audit had been unqualified. The Clerk advised that the relevant notice has been published.

RESOLUTION No.56/2006 Carried, that the Annual Return be approved and accepted by the Council

SHORE ROAD LIGHTING

The Clerk updated Members on the surveys carried out by himself and Lancashire County Council. It was noted that any scheme using existing United Utility's (UU) poles would not be of a level that one might expect for such a route and would be more akin to estate lighting levels. It was also noted that many existing lanterns would need replacing to provide an even level of light at a consistent height. In addition two lengths of road were without UU poles and would need lighting columns and underground cable installing which will prove more expensive. Members were concerned at the eventual total cost and the likelihood of this escalating dramatically.

RESOLUTION No.57/2006 Lost that the matter be deferred to the next financial Year.

RESOLUTION No.58/2006 Carried that the Clerk establishes the estimated cost of each proposed phase with details by category of the proposed works.

FUNDING REQUEST

A request for financial support had been received from the new Youth Group. It was noted that the Clerk had not received any reply to his queries.

It was agreed that Mr O'Rourke, Chairman of the Youth Group, should be asked to address the Council should they still wish to apply.

LAPTC ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Members considered that the cash balance was excessive and noted that it had increased dramatically over the past three years. The Clerk was requested to write suggesting that subscriptions next year could be reduced by 50% to bring the balance to a more sensible level.

WLDC CAPITAL GRANTS

Members considered items required within the village. It was agreed to place on the agenda for November.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

Members are reminded that details of the proposed system as discussed should remain confidential to the Council

CCTV

The Clerk reported on various option and estimates from five companies

- ADT
- Baydale (WLDC recommended)
- Greenway Electrical

Chairman _____  _____

Gough and Kelly
Black Box Security

It was noted that WLDC had verbally agreed to a grant of £3,000 and that All Saints School would be willing to split the difference in cost with the Parish Council.

RESOLUTION No.59/2006 Carried that the Clerk be authorised to instruct Black Box Security and in addition arrange for all ancillary works to a maximum total expenditure of £7,000 (nett to the Council £2,000)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:20pm

HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

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

PRESENT

Cllr. Mr.C.I.Ashcroft ; Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby; Cllr. Mrs M.Saynor; Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant (Chairman)
Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins; Cllr. Mrs J.Witter.
Mr. Ian T.Cropper, Parish Clerk & RFO

Eighteen members of the general public were present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Further comments of concern were made regarding skateboarding facilities from several contributors.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs.C.Farrington; Cllr. Mrs.N.M.Goodier; Cllr. Rev'd.R. Plant
Cllr. Mrs.L.Standish-Gore; Cllr. Mr.G.Twigger

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 2nd October 2006

Queries were raised regarding the accuracy of Minutes regarding **RESOLUTION No.55/2006 and RESOLUTION No.57-58/2006**

RESOLUTION No. 60/2006 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments No report

Play Areas No report.

Planning The Clerk reported on the Planning Committee meeting held on the 23rd October. It was noted that an amendment in respect of 1A Guide Road was awaited. Members had received a draft copy of the Minutes. Cllr Tompkins had requested a hard copy of Agendas for future Committee Meetings; no other Member required this, however those with email would still be advised as routine.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report

CLERK'S REPORT

CCTV – It was reported that subject to satisfactory trials, installation should take place at the end of November.

NEWSLETTER – The Clerk advised of the areas not presently covered by the distributors. Cllrs Ashcroft and Kirby undertook to deliver to Moss Lane and Guide Road respectively. The Clerk pointed out that the newsletter could be sent by email to those who want it.

QUALITY STATUS (QS) – The Clerk advised that he believed that the Council had made sufficient progress in its procedures for him to start preparing a submission portfolio in the new year. The Council was reminded that one of the requirements is that Members attend all meetings or submit apologies; failure to do so can result in the Council being unable to acquire QS.

CHRISTMAS TREES – It was reported that arrangements were again in hand to erect trees on the commercial premises. Cllr Tompkins agreed to approach the chemist at their new premises (Johnsons) and also see if the problems at the Village Store could be sorted out.

Various other documents were made available to Members.

PARISH PLAN

It was noted that Mr Trevor Roberts had declined the invitation to head up the Parish Plan group. After some discussion, Cllr Kirby agreed to arrange a public meeting by writing to those originally involved and other bodies which might be interested in the project.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

Clerk	Nett Salary	£627.69	100830
Clerk	Expenses	£128.23	100831
Clerk	Keys, Shore Rd Gate	£10	100832
British Legion	Wreath	£23	100833
PSP	Newsletter	£176.25	100834
SLCC	Subscription	£108.00	100835
Champion Media	Newsletter distribution	£35.13	100836

RESOLUTION No.61/2006 Carried that the accounts now presented are paid forthwith.

Receipts

Concurrent Contrib 2 nd tranche	WLDC	£2,542.86
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The meeting was adjourned to allow a presentation from the new youth group

Adam O'Rourke and Maureen Baldwin outlined the group's activities and their current fund raising activities. Members offered advice on a number of possible sources of finance which may be available to the group.

The meeting was reconvened.

RESOLUTION No.62/2006 Carried that a contribution to the value of £500 be made to the group.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

It was agreed that Cllr. Witter would represent the Council at the cenotaph. Members were requested to meet at church at 10:20am

SHORE ROAD LIGHTING

The Clerk updated Members on the actual requirements. It was noted that 18 new columns; 41 new lanterns on existing United Utility (UU) poles; 8 existing columns to be removed and 270m of trenching and cabling would be required. The estimated cost would be in the region of £48,000 plus a contingency.

It was noted that a sum of £30,000 was in the current budget and that it had previously been agreed to allocate £15,000 in the 2007/2008 financial year; a sum of £45,000 could therefore be committed on the assumption that funds would not be required until after 1st April 2006.

RESOLUTION No.62/2006 Carried that the Clerk be authorised to instruct LCC on phase 1 of the scheme up to a maximum of £45,000.

RESOLUTION No.63/2006 Carried that the Clerk be authorised to grant GallifordTry rights to carry out technical evaluations for a telecommunications base unit at the Centenary Sports Ground and (subject to contract) to the granting of a ten year lease.

WLDC CAPITAL GRANT

RESOLUTION No.64/2006 Carried that the Clerk be authorised to apply to the WLDC for a Capital Grant to improve facilities at the Station Road Play area in the sum of £8,000 being 50% of the anticipated cost.

PLANNING APPLICATION 2006/1150 – House type substitution, Moss Lane

The Council made “No Comment” on the application.

VILLAGE HALL

Notice had been received of the intention to vary the Trust Deed of the Village Hall. Cllr Sergeant noted that as a Committee member appointed by the Council, he was unaware of any meeting on the subject.

RESOLUTION No.65/2006 Carried that the Clerk advises that the Council wish to have a representative on any revised structure, and request details of the consultation carried out.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:50pm

HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

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PRESENT

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

^(a) Arrived during item 5

Eleven members of the general public were present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Further comments of concern were made regarding skateboarding facilities.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs.N.M.Goodier; Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant
Cllr. Mr.G.Twigger; Cllr. Mrs J.Witter.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6th November 2006

RESOLUTION No. 66/2006 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments No report

Play Areas No report.
The Clerk noted that he had arranged for trees at Glen Park Drive to be trimmed to negate the danger of low branches causing a danger to young children.

Planning Cllr Standish-Gore advised that the Committee had met on the 15th of November to deal with the Guide Road Residential Home application and a consultation document regarding a cell-phone base station. Minutes had previously been distributed.

The Clerk noted that he had received observations regarding the lack of notice to the public regarding Committee Meetings. It was acknowledged that whilst the Council was acting correctly within the law, the situation could be improved. It was agreed that the Clerk should prepare a proposition to amend Standing Orders.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman referred to the protracted discussion regarding skateboarding facilities. He reminded Members that the Council was not there as a discussion group but to make decisions; Members should not try to continually revisit old decisions.

CLERK'S REPORT

LITTER BIN – It was reported that the new bin had been vandalised and was in the course of being repaired.

CCTV – It was reported that installation had been delayed due to technical difficulties and the weather. It was now hoped that ground-works would be completed in December with the technical equipment being installed early in January.

SPID – The Clerk expected to place this order within the next week.

NEW BUSINESSES – County Councillor Malcolm Barron had advised that Grants at base+2% from Lancashire Rural Development Fund were available.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Eight new sets supplied. The Clerk is replenishing stocks accordingly.

CODE OF CONDUCT (New revised code) – Members were advised of the Annual Seminar to be held on Thursday 29th March.

Other letters and documents were made available for Members

PARISH PLAN

Cllr Kirby reported that he had spoken to several organisation leaders. He hoped to arrange a public meeting in late January.

WINTER NEWSLETTER

It was agreed the Clerk would again produce this. Councillor Kirby would take over again for the Spring edition.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

Clerk	Nett Salary	£626.26	100837
Clerk	Expenses	£136.03	100838
Brian Parkinson	Erect Christmas Trees	£235.00	100839
Cllr R Plant	Chairman's Allowance (nett)	£100.00	100840

RESOLUTION No.67/2006 Carried that the accounts now presented are paid forthwith.

Receipts

Traders Christmas Contributions £105.00

SKATEBOARDING FACILITIES

RESOLUTION No.68/2006 Carried that the Council revisit the question of the provision of Skateboarding facilities, after evaluation of CCTV monitoring at Shore Road, at the April 2007 meeting.

BUS SHELTERS

The Clerk advised that further consultation would now take place with residents regarding the amended plan for a shelter on Chapel Lane opposite the Methodist Chapel. The Clerk also noted that the Chapel Lane/Charles Close shelter should be replaced and suggested a LCC grant be applied for.

GRAFFITI

The Clerk noted that WLDC 'Street Scene' department had offered assistance. However, he noted that the high pressure system would remove the original paint in addition to the graffiti on the play equipment. He introduced the Council to "No-Mix Enviro" products, which he had been made aware of by Cllr Ashcroft. These included protective coatings and removal solutions.

RESOLUTION No.69/2006 Carried that the Council delegate to the Clerk the authority to purchase treatments and deal with occurrences as necessary

TRAINING

Members wishing to attend the CTP Planning course in February 2007 were asked to advise the Clerk.

PUBLIC FORUM

Discussion took place as to the desirability of improving public involvement. It was noted that it was undesirable for Councillors to be drawn into discussion and arguments at the Public Forum. It was also considered unhelpful for members of the public to be allowed to make vexatious comments. The Clerk was also concerned that answering in public some of the queries previously raised, would appear to belittle the questioner.

It was agreed that the Clerk prepare a draft set of working rules for consideration by the Council.

BUDGET 2007/2008

Concern was expressed that the Clerk had not received any response to his enquiries of the Football Club regarding the proposed Community Sports Centre. Members were under the impression that once the Council's pledge had been made, the doors to large grants would be opened, however, it appeared to date that this had not been the case. Concern was also expressed regarding the 'For Sale' sign on the land in question.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Club again, requesting a response to his earlier letter by the 31st of December. Failure to supply the information would result in the pledge being excluded from the 2007/8 budget.

It was agreed that a provisional sum of £5,000 should be included towards possible skateboarding facilities. It was also agreed to include a figure of £500 against tree planting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:50pm

HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 8th January 2007 at 7:30pm in The Village Institute (Library Building) Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

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

Ten members of the general public were present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Further comments of concern were made regarding skateboarding facilities, the Shore Road lighting scheme and general youth behaviour problems.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs.C.Farrington; Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins;
Cllr. Mrs J.Witter.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 4th December 2006

RESOLUTION No. 70/2006 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Sergeant declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 10

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments No report

Play Areas No report.

Planning No report

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report

CLERK'S REPORT

CCTV

Ground works were finished by Christmas – delays had been caused by the adverse weather and condition of the ground. Camera and mounting column along with electronics should be completed within the next seven days.

SPID

The Council took delivery of the unit last week and a test deployment made. Unfortunately, an inherent design fault was discovered that could have caused a fire hazard. The equipment is being returned for review.

Test deployment on Shore Road over 3 days (Thurs – Sat last week) showed.

Total vehicles	1,657	
Vehicles exceeding 30mph	648	39%
Vehicles exceeding 40mph	85	5%
Vehicles exceeding 50mph	2	

Telecomms base station – A further meeting had been held between WLDC Planning, GallifordTry and the Clerk today. Members were advised that the application on Newarth Lane was being withdrawn and the proposed installation at the Centenary Sports Ground pursued.

Christmas lights.

Thanks were recorded to Vernon Ogden who had wired the lights at the Village Store without charge. He is now providing a quotation for a permanent connection.

Code of Conduct (New revised code)

Members were advised regarding the Annual Seminar to be held on Thursday 29th March 2007.

Winter Newsletter The Clerk proposed to send copy to printer by 15th Jan and CMG by 23rd Jan for distribution on the 31st January

Bus Shelter Chapel Lane It was noted that a 100% grant had been confirmed for a replacement shelter with lighting and raised kerb at Chapel Rd between Charles Close and Pardoe Close.

Bus Shelter Station Road It was reported that the shelter adjacent to All Saints Church had been damaged beyond repair by a Stagecoach Bus. LCC had agreed to upgrade this site with a new lit shelter and raised kerbs etc. A claim had been lodged with Stagecoach along with a request for a report into the incident.

Shore Road 50mph Speed Limit It was reported that signing should be erected by the 17th of this month.

Concurrent Contribution – WLDC have confirmed they will be continuing with the scheme next year and we will receive £5,255.

Tree Check The annual inspection, as required by the insurers, will be carried out in February at a cost of £100.

Other letters and documents were made available for Members

PARISH PLAN

Cllr Kirby reported that he had spoken to several more organisation leaders and would now be arranging a meeting at the Church Hall early in February.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

Accounts paid since the last meeting

TLC (Southern)	Tree lights	£327.17	100841
PWLB	Loan repayment	£1,671.56	100842

Accounts presented

Yates Playgrounds	Repairs Station Rd	£97.52	100843
Edenbreck Nurseries	Christmas Trees	£188.00	100844
CANCELLED			100845
Clerk	Nett Salary	£873.69	100846
Clerk	Expenses	£95.09	100847
HMRC	PAYE & NIC	£837.70	100848
SLCC	Subscription	£120.00	100849
Brian Parkinson	Bus Shelter demolition	£129.25	100850
Brian Parkinson	Remove Christmas Trees	£176.25	100850
Counters and Accessories	SPID	£3,829.33	100851
No-Mix Enviro	Graffiti products	£79.91	100852

RESOLUTION No.71/2006 Carried that the accounts now presented are paid forthwith.

Receipts

Traders Christmas Contributions	£175.00
Wayleave payment – United Utilities	£91.23

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to allow Members to question representatives from the football club regarding progress on the Community Sports Centre project.

THE MEETING RE-CONVENED

PUBLIC FORUM

RESOLUTION No.72/2006 Carried that “**Form of Working**” as presented by the Clerk be adopted forthwith.

STANDING ORDERS – Dates of Meetings

RESOLUTION No.73/2006 Carried that Standing Orders be amended to schedule ordinary Council Meetings and Planning Committee Meetings as proposed.

- a) **Council Meetings** will be held on the first Monday of the month unless that day is a Bank Holiday in which case the meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month. Meetings will not be held during August.

- b) **Planning Committee Meetings** (if these are required) will be held following Council Meetings as above and on the third Monday of the month. Meetings will not be held during August.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING REVIEW

It was agreed that the Clerk prepare a response.

BUDGET 2007/2008

Cllr. Sergeant, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, left the meeting.

Consideration was given as to whether the Council should support the Village Hall Committee. It was felt that closer co-operation was desirable to enable the Council to support long term plans rather than adhoc repairs. Progress by the Football Club regarding the Community Sports Centre was also discussed in depth. It was noted that the original timetable had slipped and the assurances sought by the Council could not be given at this time although it was confidently expected that planning, the business plan and the financial appraisal would be in place by the beginning of the 2007/8 financial year. It was agreed that at the present time, realisation of the Council's pledge could not be specifically included in the budget nor could specific assistance to the Village Hall. It was agreed that both matters could be reviewed later in the year and at the September 07 Budget Review.

It was also agreed that the Council's Reserves should be increased in line with the Clerk's recommendations.

CHAIRMAN

It was noted by Members that the Chairman, along with other Members of the Council, had been recently criticised by members of the general public.

RESOLUTION No.74/2006 Unanimously Carried that the Chairman be given a vote of confidence and appreciation by the Council.

LATE MATTERS

Members were updated on current Planning appeals

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:20pm

HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 5th February 2007 at 7:30pm in The Village Institute (Library Building) Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Cllr. Mr.C.I.Ashcroft; Mrs.N.M.Goodier; Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby; Cllr. Rev'd.R. Plant (Chairman)
Cllr. Mrs M.Saynor; Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins;
Mr. Ian T.Cropper, Parish Clerk & RFO

Eight members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs.C.Farrington; Cllr. Mr.G.Twigger; Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant;
Cllr. Mrs.L.Standish-Gore;

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 8th January 2007

The Clerk noted that he had omitted to record the fact that prior to the Budget discussion, Cllr. Sergeant had declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest and left the meeting.

RESOLUTION No. 75/2006 Carried that with the addition of the above note, the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

RESIGNATION

The Chairman confirmed that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr. Mrs. J. Witter which he had accepted with regret.

RESOLUTION No. 76/2006 Carried that the Council declare a vacancy.

The Clerk confirmed that he would put the necessary procedure in place to fill the vacancy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments No report.

Play Areas Cllr Goodier confirmed that she would ask the Clerk to call a meeting following the Council Meeting on the 5th March

Planning No report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman was pleased to report on the Clerk's success in achieving a top level Distinction in the "Certificate in Local Council Administration".

RESOLUTION No. 77/2006 Carried that the Council note with pleasure the Clerk's success.

CLERK'S REPORT

CCTV

System now operational. More detail would be given in Part 2.

SPID

A further deployment on Shore Road had been made on Tuesday 23rd – Friday 26th January. Results revealed the unit to be faulty with the radar chip giving erroneous figures. The unit returned again for replacement.

The Clerk noted concerns from some other Councils regarding use and statistics. In several instances, no data had been received from the police and no details of where and when the units had been deployed was causing concern.

It was noted that District Cllr Ashcroft was pursuing the possibility of assistance from the Safety Partnership.

In the meantime, the Clerk would continue to deploy the unit and furnish the Council with statistics.

NEWSLETTER

Distributed 31st January

BUS SHELTER STATION ROAD

The Church have agreed to the removing of the concrete panels to allow the shelter to be set further back .

SHORE ROAD 50MPH SPEED LIMIT – The signing should have been erected on the 17th of Jan – delay caused by the need to get a private residents permission for one of the 30/50 sign at the Banks end.

DEBTORS – Invoices have been sent to AFC; CC; BC and all allotment holders. The Clerk advised that he would in future be sending annual invoices to the clubs for routine maintenance of the common areas including hedge cutting and rubbish clearance.

TENDERS – Members were advised that the usual notices inviting quotations for the various functions the Council undertakes would be posted during the month along with invitations to existing contractors.

HESKETH OUTMARSH – Members were advised of the closure of footpaths for ground-works in connection with the RSPB / Environment Agency works which had now started.

VILLAGE HALL – The Clerk confirmed that he had received confirmation that The Council’s representative, and indeed all Members of the management committee, are Trustees.

STATION RD PLAY AREA – Fencing work would commence week 19th February

CRB CLEARANCE - In view of the Clerk’s involvement with play areas and the local school, he advised that he had requested WLDC to obtain CRB clearance as part of the Council’s Risk assessment process.

STORM DAMAGE – A complaint of damage to a resident’s fence caused by fallen tree had been received with which the Clerk was dealing

OTHER DOCUMENTATION

LCC Consultation - for Engaging with Neighbourhoods.

BESD Schools - consultation and report.

WEST LANCS DESIGN GUIDE

2007 DESIGN AWARDS

CIVIC DINNER AND DANCE 16th March 2007 £20

PARISH PLAN

Cllr Kirby reported that he had arranged a meeting on the 15th of February in the Village Hall for interested people

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

Clerk	Nett Salary	£640.38	100853
Clerk	Expenses	£112.82	100854
Black Box Security	CCTV installation	£6574.12	100855
Yates Playgrounds	Inspections (2)	£296.10	100856
Mere Brow Smithy	Tree bracket + bin repair	£99.87	100857
PSP	Newsletter printing	£176.25	100858
Champion MG	Newsletter distribution	£35.98	100859
Brian Parkinson	Remove & refit bin	£41.13	100860
Brian Parkinson	Storm Damage	£47.00	100860

RESOLUTION No.78/2006 Carried that the accounts now presented are paid forthwith.

Receipts

Allotment Rents	£45.00
Grant LCC (for SPID)	£400.00
Wayleave BT (Phone Box)	£20.00

BUDGET 2007 – 2008

Members considered the draft budget presented by the Clerk. It was agreed that provision of £200 should be made towards the cemeteries and that the provision for the Best Kept Village be reduced to £300

RESOLUTION No.79/2006 Carried that the budget, subject to the above amendments is accepted and that a precept of £60,929 is set on West Lancashire District Council.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

RESOLUTION No.80/2006 Carried that the amendments to the Financial Regulations, as presented, be agreed.

CONTRACT WITH O₂

Members considered the standard "Heads of Agreement" produced by "Greenfield" for granting rights to install and operate electronic communications apparatus at the Centenary Sports Ground.

RESOLUTION No.81/2006 Carried that authority is delegated to the Clerk to negotiate and complete a Contract with O₂ and grant the necessary wayleaves within the "Heads of Terms" outlined in the draft document.

GRANTS

Members considered applications. It was agreed that as this particular budget head was overspent, no further grants could be made this year.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

It was agreed to form a working group to meet following the March meeting.

CONFIDENTIALITY

RESOLUTION No.82/2006 Carried that members of the press and public be excluded for the next two items of business which were of a confidential nature

CLERK EMPLOYMENT

RESOLUTION No.83/2006 Carried that the pay awards contractually due be ratified.

CCTV

The Clerk outlined the detailed workings of the new equipment and details of the planned extended surveillance now being negotiated with a monitoring station.

It was also noted that none of the cameras could intrude on private residences as these were electronically blocked.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:50pm

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5th February 2007

RESOLUTION No. 84/2006 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments No report.

Play Areas Cllr Goodier noted that a meeting had been called following this Council meeting.

Planning The Chairman noted that a meeting had been called following this Council meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In the absence of the elected Chairman, a report was not given.

CLERK'S REPORT

CODE OF CONDUCT MEETING – Members were reminded of the importance of this meeting.

CCTV – It was reported that this was now working satisfactorily. A gentleman had been reminded, as the result of monitoring, regarding the requirement to remove dog faeces.

Chairman _____  _____

SPID – The unit had been returned today and testing would be carried out this week; the unit is still not paid for. Still awaiting LCC installing the remaining plates. Having discussions with Inspector Smith re ongoing deployment.

Shore Road 50mph Speed Limit – Still awaiting agreement of landholder for a 30/50 sign at the Banks end of Marsh Road

CRB Clearance – Enhanced Disclosure for the Clerk had now been obtained

Station Rd Play Area – The last section of fencing had been damaged in transit but should be complete next week.

Clerks' Liaison Meeting – The Clerk had attended the second meeting of this group. This is the replacement under the Parish Charter scheme for the Parish Liaison Committee. The Clerk commented on this valuable asset which all Clerks had agreed was very useful and for which WLDC is to be applauded, especially the Assist Chief Executive.

FOI – Publication Scheme – It was noted that this should have been renewed last month but it now delayed for a year by the Government

Member co-option – Confirmation had been received from Returning Officer that an election hadn't been called. This was too late to include on the Agenda and would be dealt with at the April meeting. 3 names had been put forward to date, Mr Tom Blane, Mrs Maureen Baldwin and Mrs Christine McLeod.

Tree Inspections – These had been carried out in line with insurer's requirements, minor tidying required.

OTHER DOCUMENTATION

WLDC Statement of Community Involvement – Submission Version

Sustainable Community Strategy for West Lancashire

CVS – Beacon Newsletter available and on the Council Website

PARISH PLAN

Cllr Kirby reported that the meeting on the 15th of February had been poorly attended. A further meeting was arranged for Monday 26th March in the Village Hall when other interested people had agreed to attend.

The Clerk reported that he had submitted an application for a £5,000 grant to 'Community Futures' and expected a decision this week.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for Payment.

Clerk	Nett Salary	£638.77	100861/2
Clerk	Expenses	£107.86	100862

Clerk	Village Plan work/exp	£70.01	100862
One and One Stanleys	Internet provision	£63.38	100862
Tree Check	Replacement lock and keys	£25.00	100862
SLCC	Tree inspections	£100.00	100863
Best Kept Village	Training	£47.00	100864
LAPTC	Membership Fees	£10.00	100865
		£430.01	100866

RESOLUTION No.85/2006 Carried that the accounts now presented are paid forthwith.

Receipts

Allotment Rents	£60.00
Bowling Club Rent	£511.00

PARISH PLAN COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION No.86/2006 Carried that a grant of £500 be made to the Parish Plan Steering Committee.

SLCC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION No.87/2006 Carried that the Clerk is requested to attend the SLCC Regional Conference at Park Hall at a cost of £40 plus expenses.

MEMBER REMUNERATION

RESOLUTION No.88/2006 Carried that the Council adopts the recommendations of the West Lancashire Remuneration Panel's report with respect to expenses.

MEETING LOCATION

RESOLUTION No.89/2006 Carried that the Council meet experimentally at the Shore Road Primary School for their 4th June and 3rd September meetings.

MAINTENANCE TENDERS

RESOLUTION No.90/2006 Carried that the Council accepts the lowest tenders in respect of Grounds Maintenance from Parkinson and Dawson; Play Equipment from Yates; Bus Shelter Cleaning from Ward, Tree Inspections from Linford and that authority is delegated to the Clerk to undertake all maintenance works within the constraints of the Budget.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

The matter of a vacancy on the Allotments Committee was adjourned until the April meeting.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

The Clerk was requested to submit an application including contenders for the 'Certificate of Merit' as per the 2006 entry.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:35pm