



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 7th April 2008 at 7:30pm at All Saints Primary School, Shore Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Cllr. Mr.C.I.Ashcroft; Cllr. Mrs.N.M.Goodier; Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby; Cllr Mr. C. Jones;
Cllr. Mrs.C.McLeod; Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant (Chairman)^(a); Cllr. Mrs.L.Standish-Gore
Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins

Mr. Ian T.Cropper, Parish Clerk & RFO

(a) Left after item 13

Four members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. L. Jackson

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 10th March 2008

RESOLUTION No. 01/2008 Carried that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Jones declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Item 11

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments Committee – No meeting held.

Play Areas and Recreation Ground Committee – No meeting held.

Planning Committee – No meeting held.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman, noting that this was the final meeting of the present Council, thanked Members for their efforts over the last four years and was pleased to note that all Members had offered themselves for re-election.

VILLAGE MARKET

Cllr McLeod updated Members on the preparations for the first event on Saturday 31st May 2008.

CLERK'S REPORT

THS Users Group

It was noted that the agreement had now been signed and the matter concluded.

ELECTIONS

The Clerk advised that as the District Council nomination from Cllr Forshaw is unopposed, the Parish Council will have to bear the full cost.

WLDC Capital Grants

Grants totalling £1,800 had been awarded to the Parish towards the cost of projection equipment and a new Notice Board for the Village Centre.

YOUTH CLUB

The Clerk reported that as bank details and accounts had now been received the £500 grant had been released.

BANK DEPOSIT

It was noted the deposit rate had reduced from 3.54% to 3.29%

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (LALC)

The Clerk reported that he had met with Members of the Executive to discuss the Council's concerns. He considered it had been a useful meeting and the concerns would be addressed. He would report further in due course.

HB SILVER BAND

The Clerk had received copies of Accounts and Bank Statement and following consultation with the Chairman had released the Grant.

WLDC "INSPIRE" SCHEME

It was noted that a £97,000 scheme to regenerate and improve the "Village Centre" had now been passed by WLDC Cabinet but that this was subject to possible Call-in and subsequent scrutiny.

VILLAGE HALL

A letter had been received regarding representation on the Trustees which the Clerk was instructed to deal with.

CORRESPONDANCE NOTED

Open Health Forum Tuesday 8th April.
Letter from Linda Hawksley re the HOPE 08 local initiative.
Villages in partnership Health & Body Day.
Gov office North West report available at Libraries.

LANDSCAPING SCHEME

The Chairman invited Cllr Tompkins to update Members on progress.

Proposals were presented for a planting scheme on the northerly side embankments of the old railway bridge at a total cost of £1,966 including two years initial maintenance. Members were

mind to support the scheme and it was agreed that a substantive proposition would be placed on the May 2008 agenda.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Payments of Accounts made since the last meeting.

Clerk	February Net Salary	£834.85	E69
Clerk	February Expenses	£157.56	E70
Yates	Playground Inspections	£148.05	E74
West Lancs CVS	Support Staff Parish Plan	£789.00	E75
West Lancs CVS	Support Staff Parish Plan	£884.73	E76
Brian Parkinson	Grading & Seeding	£176.25	E72
Brian Parkinson	Railings Station Road	£223.25	E71
Procurement Card	Insurance (Station Rd)	£87.49	E73
Hesketh Bank Youth Group	Grant	£500.00	E66
Hesketh Bank Band	Grant	£1,000.00	E80
Brian Parkinson	Maintenance (Monthly SO)	£395.59	SO
Communicorp	Local Councils Update	£100.00	E79
Lancs Playing Fields Ass	Subscription	£15.00	E78
LALC (LAPTC)	Subscription	£432.44	E77

RESOLUTION No.02/2008 Carried unanimously that the payments of accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and that the accounts now presented are paid forthwith.

2. Receipts

White	Allotments	£15.00
Whiteside	Allotments	£45.00
Baxter	Allotments	£45.00
Bank Interest		£210.88
Precept 1 st tranche		£31,044.00

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION No.03/2008 Carried that the Council adopt the Annual Accounts, as presented, for the financial year to 31st March 2008

ANNUAL RETURN

RESOLUTION No.04/2008 Carried Section 1 of the Annual Return (Statement of Accounts) is approved.

ANNUAL RETURN

RESOLUTION No.05/2008 Carried Section 2 (Governance Statement) of the Annual Return is approved with positive statements to all matters.

CLERK'S CONTRACT of EMPLOYMENT

RESOLUTION No.06/2008 Carried that the contractual annual increase from 1st April 2008 of the Clerk's Salary is ratified.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE NOMINEES

RESOLUTION No.07/2008 Carried that Cllrs Andrew Cheetham, Chris Jones and David Kitson are the preferred nominees for this Council.

NORTHERN PARISH'S ROADS WORKING GROUP

Both the Chairman and Cllr Kirby had been unable to attend the last meeting, Cllr McLeod and the Clerk had represented the Parish.

The Clerk advised that Mr David Maugham from the Parish Plan group had also attended. It was noted that a survey of the Moss Roads had been carried out and that 'Acland Bracewell' had agreed to compile a technical report without charge.

Members were also advised and updated regarding the current £200,000 re-construction of Hundred End Lane which had been at the top of the Working Group's list and the forthcoming work on Blackgate Lane, Holmes and the Legh Lane/A565 area.

Members were also apprised of the efforts being made by County Councillor Malcolm Barron in respect of the Northern Parishes Relief Road (Green Lane Link). It was noted that LCC were now taking a positive view on the matter to the extent of drawing up plans and costings. They are however looking for some commitment from Parish Councils and local growers. It was noted that Tarleton Council had pledged £50,000 in next year's budget.

It was concluded that whilst the Council objected strongly to "Double Taxation" it was agreed that it would probably be necessary to make a pledge in the region of £25,000 in order to see the scheme progress.

RESOLUTION 08/2008 Carried that the Council support the principle of a "Green Lane Link" and will carry out a consultation exercise prior to any financial commitment being made.

SPEED INDICATING DEVICE (SPID)

The clerk apprised the council regarding deployment of the SPID. The original scenario put forward by Lancashire County Council was that provided Parish Councils funded the capital cost, the Police would look after the Deployment, re-charging and collating of the information. The reality has been that the Police have been unable to commit the necessary staff and parishes have been left to deal with day to day running at some cost.

RESOLUTION 09/2008 Carried that in co-operation with other Parishes, the Clerk makes strong representations to LCC in an effort to resolve the issue.

Cllr Standish-Gore took the Chair.

ROAD NAMING

RESOLUTION 10/2008 Carried that the Council have no objections to the proposed naming of the new roads off Boundary Lane.

COMPREHENSIVE COUNCIL INSURANCE

RESOLUTION 11/2008 Carried that authority is delegated to the Clerk to negotiate and undertake a renewal / replacement policy to cover the Council's risks.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:55 pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL



PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 12th May 2008 at 8:30pm at All Saints Primary School, Shore Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Cllr. Mr.C.I.Ashcroft; Cllr. M. Baldwin; Cllr. P. Blane; Cllr. Mrs.N.M.Goodier^(a);
Cllr. Mrs L. Jackson; Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby; Cllr. Mrs.C.McLeod; Cllr. Rev'd R. Plant;
Cllr. Mr. T. Roberts; Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant (Chairman)^(a); Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins

Mr. Ian T.Cropper, Parish Clerk & RFO

(a) Left after item 13

Four members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

CHAIRMAN

RESOLUTION No. 12/2008 Carried that Cllr. Paul Sergeant is unanimously elected Chairman

The Chairman duly signed his acceptance of office which was witnessed by the Proper Officer.

APOLOGIES

All Members were present.

VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLUTION No. 13/2008 Carried that Cllr. Iain Ashcroft is unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman.

APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLUTION No. 14/2008 Carried that Representatives are appointed as follows:-

LALC Area Committee (3)

Cllr. Ashcroft, Cllr. Tompkins, Mr. Cropper

Hesketh Village Hall Trustees (1)

Cllr. Kirby.

Lancashire Playing Fields Assoc (1)

Cllr. Sergeant

Environmental Matters including CPRE, Tree Warden, Rights of Way (1)

Cllr. Tompkins

Tarleton High School Users Group (1)

Cllr. McLeod

**Layfield Charity
Cllr. Goodier (1)**

**Northern Parishes Roads Group
Cllr. Kirby, Cllr. Sergeant, Cllr. McLeod (*Reserve*) Mr. Cropper**

PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION No. 14/2008 Carried that the following Councillors be appointed as the **Planning Committee with full executive powers to discharge Planning matters.**

Cllr. Blane, Cllr. Goodier, Cllr. Kirby, Chairman, Vice-Chairman.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION No. 15/2008 Carried that the following Councillors be appointed as the **Recreation Committee with full executive powers to discharge matters relating to the Recreation Ground and Play Area.**

Cllr. Baldwin, Cllr. Goodier, Cllr McLeod, Chairman, Vice-Chairman

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION No. 16/2008 Carried that the following Councillors be appointed as the **Allotments Committee with full executive powers to discharge matters relating to the Administration and Management of the Council's Allotments.**

Cllr. Blane, Cllr. Jackson, Cllr. Roberts, Chairman, Vice-Chairman

RISK ASSESSMENT WORKING GROUP

RESOLUTION No. 17/2008 Carried that the following **Cllr. Jackson, Cllr. McLeod and Mr Cropper** be appointed to undertake Risk Assessments as required and produce an Annual Report for consideration by the Council in January each year.

INSURANCE INSPECTIONS

RESOLUTION No. 18/2008 Carried that the following Members are appointed to carry out weekly inspections of the Councils sites as follows:-

Centenary Sports Ground	Cllr. Sergeant
Shore Road Car Park, Recreation Ground & Play Area	Cllr. Jackson
Glen Park Drive Play Area	Cllr. Goodier
Station Road Play Area	Cllr. Baldwin

AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES

RESOLUTION No. 19/2008 Carried that the following Members are permitted to authorise payments:- **Cllrs. Ashcroft, Jackson, McLeod and Sergeant.**

SECURITY MATTERS

RESOLUTION No. 20/2008 Carried that all matters pertaining to Security and CCTV installations are delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Council Chairman and Chairman of the Recreation Committee.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 21/2008 Carried that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 7th of April 2008 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's Annual Report was available in the Council's Annual Report and the Spring Newsletter.

VILLAGE MARKET

Cllr McLeod updated Members on the preparations for the first event on Saturday 31st May 2008. It was noted that all twenty stalls had been allocated. Cllr. McLeod requested assistance with various jobs and functions on the day.

CLERK'S REPORT

DECLARATIONS

It was advised that all Members of the Council had signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office and undertaking to observe the Code of Conduct.

VAT REFUND

A claim for £5,370 had been submitted

DOG CONTROL ORDER

It was noted that the Order requiring those in charge of dogs to clear up their deposited faeces came into effect on 1st May 2008

GRANT

A letter of thanks from Hesketh Silver Band was noted.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

It was noted that whilst former Cllr Jones had received the greatest number of votes, he would not be able to take up the position as he had not been re-elected to the Council.

The Clerk was asked to write to former Councillors Jones and Standish-Gore and to express appreciation for their time in serving the Council.

NALC CONFERENCE

Notice was given of the forthcoming conference at Eastbourne at a cost of £377 plus travel. No Member wished to be considered.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (LALC)

Prior notice of the Annual Conference on the 3rd-5th of October and the AGM on the 1st of November was given.

STANDARDS BOARD

Members were advised of the new procedure whereby any complaint regarding a Member's Conduct would now be dealt with by the WLDC Standards Committee; it was also noted that the District Council would have to bear the full cost of an investigation. It was advised that the WebSite had been updated accordingly.

FINANCIAL MATTERS PAYMENTS

Clerk	April Nett Salary	£877.22	EFT 081
Clerk	April Expenses	£123.74	EFT 082
HMRC	PAYE/NIC	£1,323.71	EFT 080
LL Watson	Internal Audit	£75.00	NW 017
Yates Playgrounds	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£252.03	EFT 083
Yates Playgrounds	Paint Equip Glen Park	£282.00	EFT 084

RESOLUTION No.21/2008 Carried unanimously that the payments of accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and that the accounts now presented are paid forthwith.

RECEIPTS

WLDC	Concurrent Grant	£2,736.50
Mr Kemp	Allotment Rent	£15.00
Mr Case	Allotment Rent	£15.00
NatWest	Bank Interest	£277.54

INTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLUTION No.22/2008 Carried that the Council receives and accepts the report of the Internal Auditor.

FUTURE MEETINGS 2008-2009

RESOLUTION No.23/2008 Carried that the Council Meetings for the next twelve months is as detailed below:-

2008 - June 2nd; July 7th; Sept 1st; Oct 6th; Nov 3rd; Dec 1st; 2009 - Jan 5th;
Feb 2nd; Mar 2nd; Apl 6th; May 4th (*Annual Meeting of the Parish Council*)

It was also agreed that the Parish Assembly would be held on a separate date to be agreed.

ANNUAL REPORT

RESOLUTION No.24/2008 Carried that the Annual Report is received and adopted.

LANDSCAPING

RESOLUTION No.25/2008 Carried that the Council ratify the proposed tree planting scheme on the northerly side of the old bridge Station Road at a total cost of £1,966, and that authority is delegated to the Clerk to proceed with the works in consultation with Cllr Tompkins. It was further agreed that the Clerk and Cllr. Tompkins liaise with the "Inspire" team at WLDC in respect of the intended regeneration works.

Councillor Ashcroft took the Chair

The Clerk was requested to contact the appropriate authority to see if anything could be done to prevent youths climbing on the gas control station on the bridge embankment.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

A report by Jonathan Mitchell on the Boundary Lane and Moss Lane Affordable Housing Schemes was received and noted.

TARLETON HIGH SCHOOL

(Cllr. Blane declared an interest as a Governor of the school)

Members considered a consultation letter from Tarleton High School regarding the possible conversion to Trust Status as a Foundation School.

It was considered that insufficient information was to hand to give an informed view on the proposal. The Clerk was requested to seek further information especially in respect of community used assets and Governor liabilities.

STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION No.26/2008 Carried that Standing Orders be suspended to allow completion of the Agenda

DOG CONTROL ORDERS

Members considered the consultation document on two proposed new orders; Members were content with Order No.1 banning dogs from Play Areas. Members were however unhappy with the Order No.2 which would not give any useful benefit to village areas all of which have speed limits lower than 40 mph

RESOLUTION No.27/2008 Carried that the Clerk writes to WLDC expressing the Councils reservations and proposing that the Order should apply to ALL made up adopted highways.

TREE MAINTENANCE

RESOLUTION No.28/2008 Carried that the Clerk is authorised to carry out tree felling works on Shore Road recreation ground in line with the Inspection Report at a cost of up to £400

LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

RESOLUTION No.29/2008 Carried that the Council note the "Risk Management Plan 2008/2011"

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:45pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 2nd June 2008 at 7:30pm at All Saints Primary School, Shore Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Cllr. Mr.C.I.Ashcroft (Chairman); Cllr. M. Baldwin; Cllr. P. Blane; Cllr. Mrs.N.M.Goodier;
Cllr. Mrs L. Jackson; Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby; Cllr. Mrs.C.McLeod; Cllr. Rev'd R. Plant;
Cllr. Mr. T. Roberts; Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant; Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins

Mr. Ian T.Cropper, Parish Clerk & RFO

Two members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr Sergeant was unable to attend due to holidays.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 30/2008 Carried that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th of May 2008 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments Committee – No meeting held.

Play Areas and Recreation Ground Committee – Meeting to be held at 7:00pm 7th July 2008

Planning Committee – No meeting held.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's thanked Councillor McLeod for her excellent efforts in respect of the Farmers' Market.

VILLAGE MARKET

Cllr McLeod reported that the Farmers' Market had been very successful and a total of nearly £562 raised for the Cardiac Trust. It was noted that if future events were to be held, more volunteers would be required before, during and after the event.

CLERK'S REPORT

SPEED INDICATING DEVICE (SPID)

It was noted that a decision was required as to any future deployment or disposal and that the matter would be discussed at the July meeting.

INSURANCE

It was noted that a 22% reduction in premium amounting to £381 had been agreed with Alliance.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Members were advised of the appointment of Councillors Kitson, Hammond and Cheetham.

BANK DEPOSIT RATE

Members were apprised of the new rates.

DEVELOPMENT ADJACENT 90 MOSS LANE

It was noted that the requirement for traffic calming measures had been removed in line with the Parish Council's recommendations.

LANCASHIRE LOCAL

It was noted that the question of subsidies of buses (including the 202) was on the agenda. Members were urged to promote the service as present uptake was poor. It was also noted that a proposed "No Waiting" extension to the South of Tower Garage in Tarleton should help alleviate some congestion.

FINANCIAL MATTERS PAYMENTS

Clerk	Nett Salary	£873.03	EFT 087
Clerk	Expenses	£104.10	EFT 088
Alliance	Insurances	£1372.74	CC03
Big Pockets	Computer memory sticks	£21.00 nett	CC02
PSP	Newsletter Printing	£175.00 nett	EFT 089
Champion MG	Newsletter delivery	£30.62 nett	EFT 086

RESOLUTION No.31/2008 Carried unanimously that the payments of accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and that the accounts now presented are paid forthwith.

RECEIPTS

VAT	Rebate	£5,370.00
Bank Interest	May	£325.77

RESOLUTION No.32/2008 Carried unanimously that the purchase of a security shredding machine at a nett cost of £110.63 is ratified CC01 refers.

RESOLUTION No.33/2008 Carried that the Clerk, and Councillors Baldwin and Goodier attend the LALC Annual Conference on days to be confirmed.

RESOLUTION No.34/2008 Carried that the provision of New Councillors training for Cllrs. Baldwin, Blane and Roberts at a cost of £150.00 plus expenses is ratified.

INDESCRIMINATE PARKING

RESOLUTION No.35/2008 Carried that the Clerk raises the matter with the Spar Shop, Police and Lancs CC.

COUNCIL LOAN

RESOLUTION No.36/2008 Carried that the Council ratifies the Clerk's proposal to repay the PWLB loan in full at the end of June 2008.

INTERNAL AUDIT PROCEURES

RESOLUTION No.37/2008 Carried that the Council considers the present monitoring and internal audit procedures to be in order and adequate. It was agreed re-appoint Mr L L Watson as Internal Auditor for the ensuing year.

RESOLUTION No.38/2008 Carried that Brian Parkinson's tender in the sum of £2,150 nett is accepted for the removal of bollards and re-surfacing of the Council Car-Park adjacent to the temporary changing room

RESOLUTION No.39/2008 Carried that the Clerk writes to LCC requesting a review of the National Speed limit on the westerly length of Moss Lane with a view to reducing this to 50mph.

DISABLED ACCESS

Cllr Plant declared a personal Interest in the item.

Members considered the difficulties experienced in negotiating access to Cherry Vale from Granville Avenue. As Granville Avenue is not adopted, and the land in question, privately owned, it was concluded that the Council could not assist.

NORTHERN PARISHES RELIEF ROAD

RESOLUTION No.40/2008 carried that a consultation in the form of an invitation to comment, should be included in the Summer Newsletter.

PUBLIC CALL BOX

RESOLUTION No.41/2008 carried that a consultation on the proposed removal of the Chapel Road Call Box in the form of an invitation to comment, should be included in the Summer Newsletter.

PARISH PLAN

Members were advised of the launch to be held at the Bowling Club on Sunday 15th June at 2:00pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:10pm



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PRESENT

Cllr. Mr.C.I.Ashcroft Cllr. M. Baldwin; Cllr. P. Blane; Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby; Cllr. Mrs.C.McLeod;
Cllr. Rev'd R. Plant; Cllr. Mr. T. Roberts; Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant(Chairman);
Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins

Mr. Ian T.Cropper, Parish Clerk & RFO

Four members of the general public were present and Lynn Powell and Christine Cunningham from "Rodney Housing"

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Goodier and Jackson were unable to attend due to work commitments

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 42/2008 Carried that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 2nd of June 2008 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

ADJOURNMENT

Members agreed to adjourn the meeting to allow Ms Lynn Powell from Rodney Housing to apprise the meeting with their plans on the marketing of the "Affordable Housing" being built on Boundary Lane.

The Meeting reconvened **Resolution 43/2008 was carried** agreeing to support Rodney Housing in their marketing through the Newsletter and Website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments Committee – No meeting held.

Play Areas and Recreation Ground Committee – Members were advised that a meeting had been held at 7:00pm 7th July 2008 when it was resolved to place notices relating to security of the Play Areas.

Planning Committee – No meeting held.

PARISH PLAN

Cllr Kirby presented copies of the presentation plan to Members which would be distributed to households in the coming weeks. The document would also be available on the Council Website.

It was agreed that a Committee comprising Cllrs. Baldwin & Kirby (Chairman & Vice-Chairman) is set up to monitor progress by the various Action Groups with a view to keeping both the Council and Residents advised on progress.

CLERK'S REPORT

It was reported that the Clerk had attended, with Cllr Plant representing the Chairman, the LSP Annual Conference.

It was noted that the Clerk had represented the Council at the working group of the LCC charter and would also attend the launch of the LCC Clerks' Liaison group on the 8th of July. He had also attended the West Lancs Clerks' Liaison Group earlier in the month and also training on Risk Assessment. He would be representing Parishes at the LSP Executive on the 11th.

It was reported that the quarterly Playground Inspections had been completed and a small amount of remedial work put in hand.

The Council had received a letter of thanks for the donation of £561 from the Farmers' Market, from the Douglas Cardiac Trust.

It was noted that the queries raised in respect of the Tarleton High School's plans for Trust Status had not elicited a response and the Governors had now agreed to proceed in any event.

It was noted that the Chairman and Clerk had received an invitation to a pre-judging viewing of the submitted plans for a River Douglas Bridge.

Members were advised of a forthcoming presentation in respect of the Local Development Framework (LDF) at the Cock and Bottle Tarleton on the 22nd of July.

Other documents received included

Central Lancs NHS PCT Newsletter
LALC Newsletter
Craven Rail Newsletter
Lancashire Link

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS (nett)

Clerk	Nett Salary	£883.58	E090
Clerk	Expenses	£116.48	E091
Westfield Tree Serv	Shore Rd felling	£300.00	E092
Yates Playgrounds	Inspections	£126.00	E094
Price Right Print	Parish Plan	£1,734.50	E093
Parish Plan Expenses	Various	£310.95	C19/23

RESOLUTION No.44/2008 Carried unanimously that the payments of accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and that the accounts now presented are paid forthwith.

RECEIPTS

02	License	£4,000.00
Bank Interest	June	£328.78

RESOLUTION No.45/2008 Carried unanimously that Brian Parkinson's quote in the sum of £22 per SPIRD deployment is accepted and that the Council arrange at their expense mandatory training for Mr Parkinson. The Clerk was instructed to arrange a deployment per month initially.

RESOLUTION No.46/2008 Carried that a projected overspend of up to £150 (2.7%) on the Parish Plan is authorised.

RESOLUTION No.47/2008 Carried that a review of the maintenance of the common areas and minor improvements to the Sports Ground should be costed and a plan presented to Council in due course.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:10pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 1st September 2008 at 7:30pm at All Saints Primary School, Shore Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Cllr. Mr.C.I.Ashcroft; Cllr. M. Baldwin; Cllr. N.Goodier; Cllr. Mrs.C.McLeod; Cllr. Rev'd R. Plant
Cllr. Mr. T. Roberts; Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant(Chairman)^(a); Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins.

(a) Arrived after item 2.

Mr. Ian T.Cropper, Parish Clerk & RFO

Three members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. P. Blane; Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 48/2008 Carried that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 7th July 2008 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments Committee – No meeting held.

Play Areas and Recreation Ground Committee – Minutes of the meeting of the 7th of July had been circulated

Planning Committee – No meeting held.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman advised that, because of work commitments, he had asked Councillor Plant to stand in for him at meetings of the Northern Parishes Chairmen's Liaison Group. The meeting signified that it was content with this arrangement.

CLERK'S REPORT

It was reported that the faults identified during the engineering inspection of the playgrounds had been repaired.

It was noted that Mr Parkinson would be undertaking SPIRD deployment training during September.

Members were pleased to note that for the fourth year in succession, the Audit had been passed without qualification

The Council were advised that due to the District Council election being uncontested, the Parish has had to bear the full cost of £1,358.

The Summer Shoreline Summary had been distributed on the 6th of August.

Details of a Planning course were made available. Cllrs. Baldwin & McLeod indicated their desire to attend.

Members were updated with the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Heath Act 2007 permitting new name styles for Parish Councils. This would be tabled at a future meeting.

Other documents received included

- Mobilty Survey
- West Lancashire Carers Annual Report
- Community Car Scheme
- Police Newsletter
- Lancs Fire & Rescue Service Performance Report
- WLDC Corporate Performance Review
- Central Lancs PCT Newsletter

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS (nett)

Clerk	July Nett Salary	£878.66	E95
Clerk	Aug Nett Salary	£865.98	E99
Clerk	July Expenses	£99.06	E96
Clerk	Aug Expenses	£55.70	E99
HMRC	PAYE & NIC	£1,205.33	E97
PSP	Newsletter Printing	£175.00	E98

RESOLUTION No.49/2008 Carried unanimously that the payments of accounts made since the last meeting are ratified

BDO Stoy Hayward	Audit	£400.00	E100
WLDC	Election Costs	£1,358.00	E101
Champion News	Newsletter Delivery	£30.62	E102
Yates Playgrounds	Repairs Glen Park Dr	£74.00	E103
Yates Playgrounds	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£214.50	E104
Brian Parkinson	Bus Shelter Repair	£150.00	E105
One & One	Web Hosting	£53.94	E106
All Saints School	Premises Use (4 mths)	£80.00	E107

RESOLUTION No.50/2008 Carried unanimously that the payments of accounts now presented are paid forthwith.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	July/August	£313.71
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RESIGNATION

RESOLUTION No.51/2008 Carried unanimously that Mrs Lesley Jackson's resignation as a Councillor be accepted with regret and that a vacancy is declared forthwith.

RISK ASSESSMENT WORKING GROUP

RESOLUTION No.52/2008 Carried that Councillor Roberts is appointed to the "Risk Assessment Working Group" in lieu of former Councillor Jackson.

FINANCIAL SIGNATORY

RESOLUTION No.53/2008 Carried that Cllr Plant is appointed as a Financial Signatory in lieu of former Councillor Jackson.

QUALITY STATUS

Members considered the additional requirements for Quality Status including ongoing training.

RESOLUTION No.47/2008 Carried that the matter be deferred until the November Meeting.

LALC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION No.54/2008 Carried that the Clerk confirms places as follows:-

I T Cropper	Sat & Sun
Cllr Roberts	Sat & Sun
Cllr Baldwin	Sat
Cllr McLeod	Sat

LALC ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Members considered the Accounts for the year to 31st March 2008 and noted that yet again an excess of income over expenditure had occurred increasing the nett carried forward balance to £K76. The Clerk was instructed to query this on previous lines. The matter will be reconsidered at the October Meeting.

BT PAYPHONE – CHAPEL ROAD

It was noted that no responses had been received to the article in the newsletter.

PARISH PLAN DELIVERY COMMITTEE

After discussion, the proposal was withdrawn as it was agreed that sufficient monitoring would be provided by the future monthly mandatory report from the "Parish Plan Monitoring Committee".

LCC PARISH CHARTER

RESOLUTION No.55/2008 Carried that the Draft Charter is accepted as presented on the assumption that this would remain a live document open to continued review.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:55pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 6th October 2008 at 7:30pm at All Saints Primary School, Shore Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Cllr. M. Baldwin; Cllr. N.Goodier; Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby Cllr. Mrs.C.McLeod; Cllr. Rev'd R. Plant
Cllr. Mr. T. Roberts; Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant (Chairman); Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins.

Mr. Ian T.Cropper, Parish Clerk & RFO

Five members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mr.C.I.Ashcroft; Cllr. P. Blane.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 56/2008 Carried that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 1st September 2008 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Baldwin and Kirby declared a non-prejudicial interest in item 13 as Trustees of the Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION No. 57/2008 Carried that the Council adjourn to conduct informal discussions with prospective co-optees.

THE COUNCIL RE-CONVENED.

CO-OPTION

A ballot was held

RESOLUTION No. 58/2008 Carried that as Mr Jones had polled a majority, he is co-opted to the Council forthwith. Mr Jones signed the acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

The Council thanked Mr Tyson for his interest and expressed the wish that he re-apply should a future vacancy arise.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments Committee – No meeting held.

Play Areas and Recreation Ground - No meeting held.

Planning Committee – No meeting held.

Parish Plan Monitoring Committee – Cllrs. Baldwin and Kirby gave a comprehensive report on progress by the various working groups.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Parish Councillor Andrew Cheetham as a representative of the West Lancashire District Council Standards Committee.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Standards Board Newsletter had been distributed.

It was reported that the Clerk's Computer had suffered a predictive disk failure which had been rectified at a nett cost of £77.

The Clerk advised that he had attended the breaching of the outer sea wall on Hesketh Out Marsh representing the Council. He advised that he felt that the Council had been misled in that the original Scoping Report stated that the new walls would offer protection at the 1 in 200 year standard, it had come to light that the adjacent defences were not being improved and only gave a 1 in 100 year protection.

It was reported that the Inspire scheme was progressing with successful liaison between WLDC, LCC and Booths on pavement finishes. The Clerk was still waiting confirmation of the agreed road layout and new mini-roundabout so that the bus-shelter could be repaired and relocated and the new notice board erected.

Details of a "Free Tree Scheme" had been passed to Cllr. Tompkins for action.

Playground Engineering inspections had been carried out and minor repair works put in hand.

On the recommendation of the Clerk it was agreed to cancel the subscription to the MJ magazine.

It was noted that the order for tree planting on the railway embankment had been issued to J.A. Jones and a firm date was awaited.

A letter of thanks had been received from the Douglas Cardiac for the further contribution of £70 from the Farmers' Market.

A consultation on "*The making and enforcement of Byelaws*" had been distributed and the Clerk requested that any observations be sent to him by email.

It was noted that the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) North West was now published and email links had been sent to all Members and was available at public libraries.

Members were advised of the Annual Code of Conduct Training at Edge Hill on Thursday, 20th November 2008.

It was noted that the WebSite was achieving 1,000 hits per month.

The Clerk confirmed that he would respond to a consultation document on the constitution of the “*Lancashire Local*” as time constraints prevented the Council considering this without a special meeting; Members concurred with this action.

Other documents received included

- Tarleton High School advice re Trust status
- Leaflet on Carers Health awareness days
- Mawdesley Parish Council – single use Polymers
- Invitation to Burscough CPC Civic Service

The Clerk noted that he had failed to record any volunteer against the Inspection duty at the Shore Road Site at the September Meeting despite this being an Agenda item. Cllrs Baldwin and McLeod agreed to take on this task jointly

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS (nett)

Clerk	September Nett Salary	£875.97	E108
Clerk	September Expenses	£134.90	E109
CPC	Computer Disk	£77.44	E110
HMRC	PAYE & NIC	£1,144.83	E111
LALC	Conference	£216.00	E112

RESOLUTION No.59/2008 Carried unanimously that the payments of accounts made since the last meeting are ratified

Yates Playgrounds	Inspections	£126.00	E113
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RESOLUTION No.60/2008 Carried unanimously that the payments of accounts now presented are paid forthwith.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	July/August	£244.65
WLDC	Precept (2 nd tranche)	£31,044.00

INTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLUTION No.61/2008 Carried unanimously that the internal audit report of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be received.

HALF-YEAR ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION No.62/2008 Carried unanimously that the Accounts to 31st September 2008 be received. It was noted that the grant to the maintenance of the Graveyards had not been made; the Clerk was instructed to make the payment forthwith.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION No.63/2008 Carried that Cllrs. Goodier, McLeod and Tompkins be appointed to a Committee to manage an entry to the competition in 2009. It was further agreed that other local persons would be approached to join the Committee; the Clerk to be advised of names to write to. It was agreed that a budget would be set in December.

SPORTS CENTRE

RESOLUTION No.64/2008 Carried that authority is delegated to the Clerk to negotiate (*subject to contract*) rights of access to the proposed Sports Centre now to be built on land adjacent to the Centenary Sports Ground by Isherwood Developments. It was noted that before this could proceed, the Football Club would be required to release the Council from similar rights and the conditional grant of £50,000 previously agreed

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION No.65/2008 Carried that Cllr. Jones is appointed to the Committee.

LALC AGM

RESOLUTION No.66/2008 Carried that Cllrs Baldwin and McLeod are appointed voting representatives at the 1st November AGM

MULTI USE GAMES APPERATUS (MUGA)

RESOLUTION No.67/2008 Carried that the Council submit a bid to commit to a partnership with The District Council in respect of the installation of a Multi-use Games Apparatus MUGA on land at the Village Hall.

CHRISTMAS TREES

RESOLUTION No.68/2008 Carried the Council commit to the provision of Christmas Trees on commercial premises for a further three years.

CONFIDENTIAL MATTER

RESOLUTION No.69/2008 Carried that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Para 1.2, Members of the Public are requested to leave for the next item of business which is of a confidential nature.

ASSISTANT CLERK

It was noted that the Clerk would be indisposed for a period of at least two months following impending surgery.

RESOLUTION No.70/2008 Carried that Mrs Christine Cropper is employed by the Council at a gross Salary of £60 per week plus expenses for an initial period of eight weeks forthwith, to provide basic cover only, whilst the Clerk is on sick leave.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:25pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 3rd November 2008 at 7:30pm at All Saints Primary School, Shore Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Cllr. Mr.C.I.Ashcroft; Cllr. M. Baldwin; Cllr. P. Blane; Cllr Chris Jones; Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby;
Cllr. Mrs.C.McLeod; Cllr. Rev'd R. Plant; Cllr. Mr. T. Roberts;
Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant (Chairman);

Four members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. N.Goodier; Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 71/2008 Carried that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 6th of October 2008 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Blane declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 7.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments Committee – The Committee had met on Friday 31st of October; Cllr. Jones had been elected Chairman. It was noted that a new Policy Document had been agreed.

Play Areas and Recreation Ground - No meeting held.

Planning Committee – No meeting held. Concern was expressed regarding on-going sewerage problems.

Parish Plan Monitoring Committee – Cllrs. Kirby gave a report on progress.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Annual Code of Conduct Seminar/Workshop

Forms had been sent to all Members and it was requested that these are returned within the next week to WLDC.

Commons Act 2006

LCC is presently compiling a register of Common Land including Village Greens. The Clerk was of the opinion that no such land existed in Hesketh with Becconsall.

Speed Indicating & Recording Device (SPIRD)

Brian Parkinson has now received the appropriate training and the insurance cover had been confirmed. The SPIRD will be deployed monthly around the various sites and information passed to the Police

Tarleton High School

A further letter had been received confirming that the School will become a Foundation School from 1st January 2009.

Clerk's Salary

Under the terms of the Clerk's Contract, he is remunerated according to the scales of the National Joint Council. The present agreed implementation, pending arbitration, is for an increase from 1st April 2008 amounting to 2.67% payable forthwith. This will be implemented on his November Salary.

Resurfacing of Shore Road Car Park and removal of bollards – Now complete.

Remembrance Sunday – A British Legion wreath had been obtained as in previous years. It was agreed that Cllr. Ashcroft would lay this on behalf of the village.

Sports Centre

The Clerk had now received formal release from the Football Club in respect of the Council's obligation to provide conditional funding towards a proposed Sports Centre and the consequential right of access; Solicitors have been instructed.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS (nett)

Clerk	September Nett Salary	£866.71	E114
Clerk	September Expenses	£51.80	E115
Ass Clerk	October Nett Salary	£180.00	E116

RESOLUTION No.72/2008 Carried unanimously that the payments of accounts made since the last meeting are ratified

All Saints PCC	Churchyard Mtce	£100.00	C24
Beaconsall Church	Churchyard Mtce	£100.00	C25

RESOLUTION No.73/2008 Carried unanimously that the payments of accounts now presented are paid forthwith.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	October	£254.71
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MULTI-USE GAMES APPERATUS (MUGA)

Having a prejudicial interest, Cllr. Blane left the meeting

It was noted that WLDC had preferred a site to the rear of the Band Room rather than in front of it. Discussions also took place on the possibility of locating the MUGA on the ground currently being purchased for the Sports Centre.

It was agreed that Cllrs Baldwin and Kirby would report back to the Chairman following a meeting of the Village Hall Committee; the matter could then be progressed.

DISTRIBUTION OF PAPERWORK

RESOLUTION No.74/2008 Carried that draft Council Minutes should be distributed by email to all Members requiring this as soon as practically possible following Council Meetings.

QUALITY COUNCIL STATUS

RESOLUTION No.75/2008 Carried that pursuant to Resolution 47/2008, the Clerk is requested to prepare a draft scheme for consideration by the Council.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:00pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 1st December 2008 at 7:30pm at All Saints Primary School, Shore Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Cllr. Mr.C.I.Ashcroft^(a); Cllr. Mrs. M. Baldwin; Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby; Cllr. Mr.C.Jones;
Cllr. Mrs.C.McLeod; Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant (Chairman); Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins.

a) Arrived during item 4

Four members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs. N.Goodier; Cllr. Rev'd R. Plant; Cllr. Mr. T. Roberts;

MINUTES

It was noted that the name of Cllr. Mr.C.Jones had been omitted from the list of attendees. Subject to this, **RESOLUTION No. 76/2008 Carried** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 3rd November 2008 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations were made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments Committee – No meeting held

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No meeting held.

Cllr. Tompkins reported that the trees on the Station Road Play Area embankment had been planted along with those on the opposite side of the road on Alty's land. Discussion took place regarding the provision of several further trees on the Alty land. Members agreed this should be actioned.

Planning Committee – No meeting held.

Parish Plan Monitoring Committee – Cllrs. Kirby gave a brief report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Annual Code of Conduct Seminar/Workshop

It was reported that five Members had attended the event. Copy Presentations had been sent to all non-attendees by the Clerk

Speed Indicating & Recording Device (SPIRD)

Because of the delay in Brian Parkinson receiving the mandatory training on deployment, The Clerk had asked him to deploy the SPIRD twice a month initially instead of once. Mr Parkinson has offered to deploy it an extra time each month, without charge, as his contribution to road safety. Members were apprised of the initial readings. Inspector Craig Appleton has asked for the results to be forwarded to him on a regular basis.

Shore Road Car Park

It was noted that heavy rains have again caused significant flooding of the car-park which on investigation proved to be caused by a blocked and collapsed drain which runs under the car park and Shore Road, to the ditch on the west side of the allotments. Repairs are in hand.

The Clerk also noted serious concerns regarding the use of the Car Park, especially by parents picking up children at the end of the day and parking indiscriminately. He had personally observed several 'near misses' caused by manoeuvring cars and children running about. It was agreed that the Clerk should progress the lining-out of the area and liaise with the school over safety matters.

Community Sports Centre

The Meeting was advised that Heads of Terms have now agreed with Isherwoods solicitors regarding access from the Centenary Sports Ground.

WLDC Welcome Booklet

Copies had previously been distributed to all Members. It was noted that the booklet is intended for all newcomers, not just migrant workers; it is also available in Polish and Portuguese from WLDC or the Clerk

Christmas Trees

The supply of trees had been delayed for reasons beyond the Council's control; it was hoped that these would be erected by the 5th of December.

Other Documents Made Available

Skipton-East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership Group (SELRAP)
Craven Rail
Central Lancashire NHS Newsletter

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS (nett)

Paul Taylor Plant	Repairs to Car Park	£2,100.00	E117
Clerk Nett Salary (inc arrears as advised to	the Meeting last month)	£1036.02	E118
Clerk	November Expenses	£79.99	E120
Assistant Clerk	November Nett Salary	£260.00	E119

RESOLUTION No.77/2008 Carried unanimously that the payments of accounts made since the last meeting are ratified

All Saints Primary School	Room Hire	£40.00	E121
Lancs Training Partners	2xPlanning Workshop	40.00	E122
British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£25.00	C 26
J A Jones	Tree Planting	£1,966.00	E123
LCC	Lighting Scheme	£30,256.81	E130

RESOLUTION No.78/2008 Carried unanimously that the payments of accounts now presented are paid forthwith.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	October	£148.65
WLDC	Concurrent Contribution	£2,736.50

MULTI-USE GAMES AREA (MUGA)

RESOLUTION No.79/2008 Carried unanimously that the Clerk is instructed to progress the matter as per his report to Council.

SLCC

RESOLUTION No.80/2008 Carried that membership of the Society of Council Clerks' is renewed at a cost of £133.00

WLDC CAPITAL GRANTS

RESOLUTION No.81/2008 Carried that an application for funds towards the proposed CCTV installation at the Village Hall be submitted.

WEST LANCASHIRE CVS

RESOLUTION No.82/2008 Carried that Cllr. Mrs. Baldwin be put forward for consideration as a Member of the Board.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION No.83/2008 Carried that the Council note the letter from the Monitoring Officer regarding the costs of investigations.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:00pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 5th January 2009 at 7:30pm at All Saints Primary School, Shore Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Cllr. Mr.C.I.Ashcroft (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Blane; Cllr. Mrs. N.Goodier;
Cllr. Mrs. M. Baldwin; Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby; Cllr. Mr.C.Jones;

Seven members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs.C.McLeod; Cllr. Rev'd R. Plant; Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant Cllr. Mr. T. Roberts;
Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins.

MINUTES

It was noted that the name of Cllr. C.Jones rather than Cllr. Mr.P.Blane had been omitted from the list of attendees at the meeting on 3rd November 2008. Subject to this, **RESOLUTION No. 84/2008 Carried** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 1st December 2008 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr P.Blane declared a personal & prejudicial interest in item 7.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments Committee – No meeting held

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No meeting held.

Planning Committee – No meeting held.

Parish Plan Monitoring Committee – Cllrs. Kirby & Baldwin gave a brief report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed the Clerk back following his recent operation.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk thanked everyone for the numerous cards and good wishes he had received over the last two months

Christmas

Cards sent to the Council were circulated.

Shore Road Car Park

Work had started on repairing the faulty drains from the school car-park. It was also noted that the kissing gate between the car-park and the school had been locked for a 48 hour period denoting ownership by the Council.

Sports Centre

Difficulties in agreeing protection for the Council had meant that the deed had still not been completed.

NALC Regional Events

Members were advised of the conference at York, 21st February 2009. No Member wished to attend.

SLCC Conference for Practitioners

A 2 day conference at Stoke-on-Trent at a cost of £190 plus travel expenses. The Clerk recommended he should not attend.

Community Car Scheme

Members were advised of the shortage of drivers in Hesketh Bank and Tarleton.

CVS

Members were advised that the Annual General Meeting was to be held on Friday, the 16th of January – Cllr Baldwin had been put forward as a nominee for Trustee

Parish Council Allowances

The Clerk recommended that the existing scheme adopted in 2008 be continued without modification, Members agreed.

Bank Deposit Rates

It was noted that the current deposit rate had dropped to 1.04% AER

Communities in Control

Recommended Practice on local authority publicity – A Consultation Document was made available.

2009-2010 Budget

The Clerk had noted the various items put forward for inclusion in the 2009/2010 budget and would present this for discussion and approval at the February Meeting

Other Documents Available

LALC December Newsletter

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS (nett)

Clerk	Nett Salary	£881.97	E125
Clerk	November Expenses	£100.11	E127
Assistant Clerk	November Nett Salary	£260.00	E126
Cllr Sergeant	Chairman's Allowance	£100.00	E129

HMRC	PAYE & NIC	£1,348.00	E128
PSP	Newsletter Printing	£175.00	E130

RESOLUTION No.85/2008 Carried unanimously that the payments of accounts made since the last meeting are ratified

Champion	Newsletter Delivery	£30.62	E131
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RESOLUTION No.86/2008 Carried unanimously that the payments of accounts now presented are paid forthwith.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	October	£47.90
United Utilities	Wayleave payment	£98.11

Cllr Mr.P.Blane, having a Personal & Prejudicial interest left the meeting for the next item.

MULTI-USE GAMES AREA (MUGA)

RESOLUTION No.87/2008 Carried that in view of the further consultations taking place, the matter be deferred and a special meeting held on Monday 12th January.

GRANTS

RESOLUTION No.88/2008 Carried that the current year's allocation be split equally between North West Air Ambulance; The Alzheimer's Society; Vitalise.

TREE PLANTING – STATION ROAD BRIDGE

RESOLUTION No.89/2008 Carried that JA Jones's quotation for the supply and after care of three additional trees in the sum of £491.50 nett is accepted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:50pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 12th January 2009 at 7:30pm at the Village Hall, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Cllr. Mr.C.I.Ashcroft; Cllr. Mrs. N.Goodier; Cllr. Mrs. M. Baldwin; Cllr. Mrs.C.McLeod;
Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby; Cllr. Mr.C.Jones; Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant (Chairman); Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins.
Mr I.T.Cropper (Parish Clerk)

One member of the general public was present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Rev'd R. Plant; Cllr. Mr. T. Roberts;

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr P.Blane having a personal & prejudicial interest in item 3 did not attend the meeting.

MULTI-USE-GAMES-AREA (MUGA)

A lengthy discussion was held and several letters of concern with regards to the scheme reviewed. It was considered that the majority of perceived problems could be addressed and it was also noted that both the REAL Survey and the Parish Plan questionnaire had highlighted the lack of games facilities for teenagers. The consultation and exhibition carried out by the Village Hall Committee in 2007 on their future proposals incorporating a MUGA had been well received with no concerns registered.

RESOLUTION 90/2008 Carried that the proposed MUGA installation should proceed with CCTV and other security measures incorporated.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:50pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 2nd February 2009 at 7:30pm at All Saints Primary School, Shore Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Cllr. Mr.C.I.Ashcroft; Cllr. Mr.P.Blane; Cllr. Mrs. N.Goodier; Cllr. Mrs. M. Baldwin;
Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby; Cllr. Rev'd R. Plant; Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant (Chairman)
Mr. Ian T Cropper (Parish Clerk)

Two members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mr. C.Jones; Cllr. Mrs.C.McLeod; Cllr. Mr. T. Roberts; Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 91/2008 Carried that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on the 5th January 2009 and 12th January 2009 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments Committee – Meeting planned shortly.

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No meeting held.

Planning Committee – No meeting held.

Parish Plan Monitoring Committee – Cllrs. Kirby & Baldwin gave a brief report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman thanked Cllr Ashcroft for standing in for him at the previous meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT

Sports Centre

It was noted that Isherwoods had been advised by the WLDC Planning Department that their proposed changes would require a fresh application. Until this is resolved the Parish Council would be unable to complete an access agreement.

Play Areas

Engineering inspections were carried out in December and all equipment noted to be in good order

CVS

It was noted that Cllr Baldwin expected to be co-opted as a Trustee at the next meeting of the CVS.

WLDC– Members were advised of the opportunity to publicise the parish in WLDC newspaper “Westlancslife”.

Bank Deposit Rates

It was noted that the bank deposit rate was now 0.03% AER.

Capital Grants

It was noted that the Clerk had submitted an application for £3,500 towards the cost of a further CCTV installation.

CSG & Allotments

Invoices had been sent to all three tenants of the CSG for the current year’s rent. Rent demands for the Allotments would be sent as soon as the Committee have met.

Parbold Parish

An invitation to the Council’s Civic Service on Sunday 1st March had been received; no Member was able to attend.

Tree Inspections

In accordance with insurance requirements, all Council trees have been inspected and found to be safe. The arboriculturist had suggested further planting at Shore Road to replace the recently felled trees; Members agreed this should be pursued.

WLDC Civic Dance & Dinner

An invitation to the WLDC Chairman’s event had been received.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS (nett)

Clerk	Nett Salary	£899.27	E145
Clerk	January Expenses	£159.25	E146
1&1	Internet Hosting	£53.94	CC05
SLCC	Annual Membership	£133.00	E143

RESOLUTION No.92/2008 Carried unanimously that the payments of accounts made since the last meeting are ratified

Black Box	Camera Repair	£60.00	E135
Brian Parkinson	5 SPIRD Deployments	£125.00	E136
Brian Parkinson	Clearing Drains	£45.00	E137
Brian Parkinson	Jetting Drains & CCTV Inspection.	£200.00	E138
Brian Parkinson	Clean CCTV Cameras	£25.00	E139
Brian Parkinson	Collecting and erecting Christmas trees and lights	£245.00	E140

Brian Parkinson	Removing and disposal of Christmas trees.	£150.00	E141
Edenbreck Nurseries	Supply 15 Christmas trees	£150.00	E142
J A Jones	Supply & plant trees	£491.50	E144
Yates Playgrounds	Powerwashing bus shelters		
	July, Sept, January	£643.50	E147
Yates Playgrounds	Inspections	£126.00	E148
Yates Playgrounds	Repairs	£86.00	E149
Tree Check	Tree Inspections	£110.00	E150

RESOLUTION No.93/2008 Carried unanimously that the payments of accounts now presented are paid forthwith.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	January	£18.25
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SHORE ROAD CAR-PARK

RESOLUTION No.94/2008 Carried to accept the LCC tender in the sum of £922.17 nett to line-out parking bays and pedestrian areas in white and yellow thermoplastic screed. The Clerk was also instructed to erect a sign directing usage of the Car-Park and liaise with the Head Teacher at All Saints School regarding staff and parental use of the Car-Park.

LANCASHIRE PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION (LPFA)

RESOLUTION No.95/2008 Carried that the Clerk is instructed to renew membership at a cost of £15.00.

MEETINGS LOCATION

RESOLUTION No.96/2008 Carried that, subject to a satisfactory Risk Assessment, future meetings of the Parish Council be held at the Village Hall (Old Library Building).

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Members noted that only two invitees had offered help. It was agreed that the matter would be addressed in the next Shoreline Summary.

2009/2010 BUDGET

RESOLUTION No.97/2008 Carried that the draft Budget as presented is accepted and that a Precept requirement of £55,064 (representing a reduction of 10.9%) is served on the District Council.

MEETINGS

RESOLUTION No.98/2008 Carried that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 5th May and the Annual Assembly on the 11th May 2009.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:35pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 2nd March 2009 at 7:30pm at The Village Hall, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Cllr. Mr.C.I.Ashcroft; Cllr. Mr.P.Blane; Cllr. Mrs. N.M. Goodier; Cllr. Mrs. M. Baldwin;
Cllr. Mr. C.Jones; Cllr. Mr.S.Kirby; Cllr. Mrs.C.McLeod; Cllr. Rev'd R. Plant;
Cllr. Mr.P.J.A.Sergeant (Chairman)^(a); Cllr. Mrs H.J.Tompkins.
Mr. Ian T Cropper (Parish Clerk)

One members of the general public was present.

- a) Left after item 9

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mr. T. Roberts;

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 99/2008 Carried that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 2nd February 2009 is confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments Committee – Meeting planned for Saturday 14th March 2009.

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No meeting held.

Planning Committee – No meeting held.

Parish Plan Monitoring Committee – Cllr. Kirby gave a brief report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No Report

BALL-COURT WORKING PARTY

Due to sickness the meeting had been postponed until Tuesday 3rd March 2009

CLERK'S REPORT

Sports Centre

It was noted that outstanding legal matters with Isherwoods had now been agreed and the Football Club had also resolved queries.

Northern Parishes Chairmen's Liaison Group.

A letter had been received from Tarleton Parish Council stating that they wished to disassociate themselves from the Group as it had no formal constitution. Members expressed their sadness at this and expressed the hope that Tarleton may reconsider their decision in due course. The Clerk was instructed to convey the Council's views.

CPRE

A canvassing letter had been received and it was agreed that the Council should re-join.

West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership

Members were advised of the forthcoming "Face the People" event on Wednesday 18th March at Edge Hill University.

Central Lancashire NHS

Details of the forthcoming "Health & Wellbeing" events were presented.

WLDC – Chairman's at Home Evening

Cllrs. Ashcroft and Goodier agreed to represent the Council.

WLDC Website Hosting

It was noted that WLDC were now in a position to host the Council's Website at no cost apart from initial training. It was agreed that the Clerk should undergo training and take up this offer subject to him being satisfied as to the adequacy of the hosting.

Young Peoples Services (YPS)

A report had been received from Councillor Dave Rydings (Tarleton CPC) advising on the possibility of grant funding for the Northern Parishes. It was agreed that Cllr Rydings could represent the interests of Hesketh Bank and would report to the Council in due course. Cllr Plant was nominated to liaise with Cllr Rydings.

Other Documents Available.

West Lancashire Design Awards
Lancashire Fire and Rescue
RAF Low Flying Issues
Villages in Partnership
Ribble Catchment Conservation Trust
Buckingham Palace Garden Party
West Lancs Carers Sitting-in Service

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS (nett)

Clerk	Nett Salary	£895.81	E152
Clerk	January Expenses	£93.18	E153

RESOLUTION No.100/2008 Carried unanimously that the payments of accounts made since the last meeting are ratified

Paul Taylor Plant	New drains & manhole	£1,439.90	E154
Brian Parkinson	Unblock field drains	£110.00	E155
Brian Parkinson	2 SPID deployments	£50.00	E156
Brian Parkinson	Repair vandalised sign	£45.00	E157

RESOLUTION No.101/2008 Carried unanimously that the payments of accounts now presented are paid forthwith.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	January	£11.91
LCC	Verge cutting	£269.76
Bowling Club	Rent	£553.00
Cricket Club	Rent	£277.00

RISK ASSESSMENT

Members considered the presented review.

RESOLUTION No.101/2008 Carried to accept the Annual Review of the Council's Risk Assessment of its operations as presented.

INTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLUTION No.102/2008 Carried unanimously that the “**Review of the effectiveness of the Internal Audit Procedure**” the “**Internal Audit Testing Schedule**” and the “**Executive Year-End Checklist**” are agreed and ratified and that **Mr L L Watson** is re-appointed as the Council's Internal Auditor.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

RESOLUTION No.103/2008 Carried that the Council adopt the proposed “**New Model Publication Scheme**” and “**Schedule of Information**” as presented.

Cllr. Ashcroft took the Chair.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

RESOLUTION No.104/2008 Carried that the Council enter the village in the “**Best Kept Village Competition 2009**”. The Clerk agreed to send the papers for completion to interested Members.

NO WAITING RESTRICTION – THE BROW

RESOLUTION No.105/2008 Carried unanimously that the Council support the proposed Lancashire County Council Scheme dated 2nd February 2009

WLDC Standards Committee

RESOLUTION No.106/2008 Carried unanimously that Parish Councillor Mr Chris Jones is put forward as a nominee. The Clerk agreed to forward the relevant papers to Cllr Jones for completion.

Local Councils' Update

RESOLUTION No.107/2008 Carried that Council renew their Subscription at a cost of £100.00

 The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:15pm