



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 8th April 2013 at 7:30pm in The Village Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mrs Diane Earles;
Mr Martin Forshaw; Mrs Norma Goodier; Mr Steve Kirby; Mrs Julie Lancaster;
Mr David Maughan; Mrs Jillian McKean; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ron Tyson.
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

No members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

All Members were present

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 01/2013 Carried that of the Minutes of the Meeting of the **Parish Council** held on the 11th March 2013 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – It was noted that a complaint regarding nuisance at the Glen Park Drive Play Area had been received. It was also advised that the replacement equipment at the Station Road Play Area had been installed.

Allotments Committee – A comprehensive update was given.

Planning Committee – No meeting held.

OTHER REPORTS

Northern Parishes Police Focus Group / Pact – No Report.

Parish Plan Review Group – It was noted that the planned Public Consultation event would now be held at Booths in May.

Village Centre Feature Working Group – A meeting was being arranged to review manufacturing costs.

Village Trail Working Group – It was noted that a decision on LSTF funding was still awaited.

Best Kept Village Group – It was advised that letters were to be sent out to owners of specific grot spots as well as general letters to the public asking for support.

Linear Park Working Group – It was noted that a meeting of the Group had been held on Friday 22nd March at WLBC which had been addressed by Alty's planning consultant.

Emergencies and Information Protocol Group

It was advised that an article would appear in the next Shoreline Summary; it was also agreed that an Environment Agency officer would be invited to address the June meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT

PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE CENTRE CCTV

It was noted that most of the equipment had now been purchased and should be installed by the end of May. The Clerk confirmed that he would attend the IFSEC Exhibition in Birmingham again this year.

WEST LANCS CCTV EXTENSION

It was advised that Location 1 would be between Community Centre Entrance and the lamp-post o/s the Care Home and Location 2 would be opposite the Old Bank on the south side of the bridge. It had also been confirmed that 15m columns would be required to permit the transmission methods to be used.

ASHBROOK CLOSE

It was noted that all residents had been written to advising that the Parish Council will support their views. We now await progress from WLBC.

SHORE ROAD CHANGING FACILITIES

Although all costs are now covered, the Clerk had now submitted a bid to "Sport England" under their "Inspired Facilities" for a £25,000 grant towards the scheme. The Clerk had also registered, and will be submitting a further bid in the summer under their "Protected Playing Fields" scheme to part fund remedial work on Shore Road Recreation Ground drainage.

STATION ROAD ROUNDABOUT AND CROSSING

Further to the views expressed at the February Meeting, the Clerk had met with John Richardson a senior officer from LCC Highways. He will review the situation and report back although he was not optimistic on the provision of a physical solution.

It was noted by Members that despite the current concerns, safety in general was far better since the completion of the Booths project.

INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was noted that with regard to Resolution 91/2012, Mr Trevor Rimmer, a certified Clerk had agreed to act as Internal Auditor again for the ensuing year.

EMAILS

The Clerk again advised as to the availability of outgoing email facilities for Members to better address issues of data protection.

3 TIER FORUMS

As previously advised, it was noted that there is a session prior to each LALC Area Committee Meeting to which non-members of LALC can attend to hear officers reports and items raised under the 3 Tier Forum System. Any member wishing to attend can; it was noted that the next meeting is on Thursday 18th April at 7:30pm in the WLB Council Chamber.

DOG FOULING

Members approved the draft signs to be produced.

RESOLUTION No. 2/2013 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 3/2013 Carried that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	January	£1.30
Investment Interest	January	£17.39
HB Cricket Club	CSG Rent	£312.70
Community Centre	Contribution	£600.00
Lancashire Environ Fund	(Permaculture)	£8,287.00

RIVER DOUGLAS PARK TRUST

RESOLUTION 4/2013 Carried that 1) The Council form a 'Charitable Trust' jointly with Tarleton Parish Council (subject to their agreement) with the ultimate aim of securing, on terms to be agreed, the holding, maintenance and development of land to form a "Linear Park" substantially on the west bank of the River Douglas and that the Trust be known as the "River Douglas Park Trust". and 2) Authority is delegated to the Clerks of both Councils to jointly complete the legalities.

ALTY BRICKWORKS DEVELOPMENT

The Clerk was instructed to advise Alty's of the Council views and concerns.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2012/2013

RESOLUTION 5/2013 Carried that the Annual Accounts (un-audited) as presented are accepted as a true record.

ANNUAL RETURN (Part 1)

RESOLUTION 6/2013 Carried that Part One (Accounting Statement) of the **Annual Return** is ratified and that the Chairman is authorised to sign on behalf of the Council.

ANNUAL RETURN (Part 2)

RESOLUTION 7/2013 Carried that Part Two (Annual Governance Statement) of the **Annual Return** is ratified as presented and that the Chairman is authorised to sign on behalf of the Council.

CLERK'S SALARY

RESOLUTION 8/2013 Carried that in line with the contractual agreement, the Clerk's Salary is moved to SCP 37 from the 1st April 2013.

DISPLAY STANDS

RESOLUTION 9/2013 Carried that display stands to the value of up to £200 are purchased.

PACT – Concerns were again expressed regarding 'on pavement' parking causing obstruction to pedestrians and especially wheelchair users.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of Glen Park Drive, Shore Road, CSG and Station Road Areas.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:43pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13th May 2013 at 7:30pm at the Village Hall, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors:- Mr C.Iain.Ashcroft, Mrs Maureen. Baldwin, Mrs Diane Earles;
Mrs Norma.M.Goodier; Mr Steve.Kirby; Mr David Maughan; Mr Ron. Tyson; Mr Paul.A.Sergeant;

Mr. Ian T.Cropper, Parish Clerk & RFO

No members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

CHAIRMAN

RESOLUTION No. 10/2013 Carried that Cllr. Paul Sergeant is elected Chairman. The Chairman made a declaration of his acceptance of office.

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Mr Martin Forshaw; Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mrs Jillian McKean

VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLUTION No. 11/2013 Carried that Cllr. Iain Ashcroft is elected Vice-Chairman.

APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES (Note:- Councillors do not have delegated authority)

RESOLUTION No. 12/2013 Carried that Representatives are appointed as follows:-

Hesketh Village Hall Trustees (1) - Cllr. Earles

Lancashire Playing Fields Assoc (1) - Cllr. Sergeant

Environmental Matters including CPRE, Tree Warden, Rights of Way, Footpaths (1) - Cllr. Tyson

Layfield Charity (1) - Cllr. Goodier

PACT Panel (2) - Cllr Baldwin; Cllr Earles.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION No. 13/3013 Carried that the following Councillors be appointed as the **Planning Committee with full executive powers to discharge Planning matters.**

Cllr. Baldwin, Cllr. Goodier, Cllr Tyson.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION No. 14/2012 Carried that the following Councillors be appointed as the Recreation Committee with full executive powers to discharge matters relating to the Recreation Ground, Play Areas and Centenary Sports Ground.

Cllr. Forshaw, Cllr. Goodier, Cllr Maughan.

POOR MARSH COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION No. 15/2013 Carried that the following Councillors be appointed as the Poor Marsh Committee with full executive powers to discharge matters relating to the Administration and Management of the Council's Allotments and Permaculture Site.

Cllr. Baldwin, Cllr. Lancaster, Cllr McKean.

RISK ASSESSMENT WORKING GROUP

RESOLUTION No. 16/2013 Carried that **Cllr. Ashcroft and Cllr. Tyson** be appointed to review as necessary the Council's Risk Assessments Policy for consideration by the Council as required and produce an Annual Report for consideration by the Council in January each year.

VILLAGE TRAIL WORKING GROUP

RESOLUTION No. 17/2013 Carried that **Cllrs Forshaw, Kirby and Lancaster** form a Working Group to put forward proposals for the delivery of the Village Trail Project.

DOUGLAS LINEAR PARK TASK GROUP

RESOLUTION No. 18/2013 Carried that **Cllrs Forshaw and Kirby** represent the Council. Note the Clerk, as an Officer, continues to represent the Council on the Steering Committee.

PARISH PLAN WORKING GROUP

RESOLUTION No. 19/2013 Carried that Cllrs Baldwin, Kirby and Maughan continue as a Working Group to put forward proposals for the review and update the Parish Plan.

VILLAGE CENTRE FEATURE

RESOLUTION No. 20/3013 Carried that Cllrs Baldwin, Kirby, Maughan and Tyson continue as a Working Group to put forward proposals for the proposed Village centre Feature.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

RESOLUTION No. 21/3013 Carried that Cllrs, Kirby, Lancaster, McKean and Tyson continue as a Working Group to manage the BKV entry.

EMERGENCIES PROTOCOL PROCEDURES

RESOLUTION No. 22/3013 Carried that Cllrs, Baldwin, Earles and Tyson continue as a Working Group to put forward procedural protocols.

INSURANCE INSPECTIONS

RESOLUTION No. 23/2013 Carried that the following Members are appointed to carry out weekly inspections of the Councils sites as follows:-

Centenary Sports Ground

Shore Road Car Park, Recreation Ground & Play Area

Glen Park Drive Play Area

Station Road Play Area

Cllr. Sergeant

Cllr. Maughan

Cllr. Goodier

Cllr. Baldwin

AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES

RESOLUTION No. 24/2013 Carried that the following Members are permitted to authorise instructions for payment (*subject to a relevant Resolution being passed*) on behalf of the Council:-
Cllrs. Ashcroft, Kirby, Maughan, and Sergeant.

TARLETON ACADEMY

RESOLUTION No. 25/2013 Carried that **Cllr. Ashcroft** be appointed to represent the Council on the Tarleton Academy Community Relations Committee

SECURITY MATTERS

RESOLUTION No. 26/2013 Carried that all matters pertaining to Security and CCTV installations continue to be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Council Chairman, the Chairman of the Recreation Committee and Borough Councillor Ashcroft.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 27/2013 Carried that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 8th of April 2013 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reviewed the achievements during the first year of the present Council and thanked all for the input.

OTHER REPORTS

PACT – *New meeting dates were advised. Members were also updated regarding crime and detection figures*

Parish Plan Review Group – *Public review meeting postponed until September.*

Village Centre Feature Working Group – *New costings were awaited.*

Village Trail Working Party – *Initial details for the first route were advised. It was agreed that "CityScape" would be the preferred provider and should progress the mapping.*

Best Kept Village Working Group – *Posters distributed and litter pick arranged*

Linear Park Working Group – *Cllr Kirby*

"Love Hesketh Bank" Project – *Concern was expressed regarding intended legislation regarding single use polythene bags.*

CLERK'S REPORT

PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE CENTRE CCTV

It was advised that civils would be completed by Friday 18th May. Camera, recording and transmission equipment will be installed and be operational during the second week in June. The Clerk confirmed he would attend the IFSEC exhibition in Birmingham.

SHORE ROAD CHANGING FACILITIES

The final pre contract meeting was held on Saturday 11th May with commencement of work on site due during week commencing 28th May with completion early September.

It was noted that the Grant Application to Sport England had not been successful and the Clerk was awaiting a detailed response as early indications had been positive.

Discussion took place as to possible sources of grants to cover the shortfall in funding and it was agreed that the Clerk should approach Booths and Cuadrilla as it was believed that both companies operated schemes to support local community initiatives. It was noted that the Council were sanguine in respect of Cuadrilla's operations and had previously neither supported nor objected to the Company's operations.

INTERNAL AUDIT

It was noted that this would take place on the 24th of this month

DOG FOULING

It was noted that 12 Notices had now been erected with posters on Notice Boards and in the school's newsletter. The initiative has also been reported on various internet sites and local papers.

LANCS FIRE & RESCUE

DRAFT INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

It was noted that this had been requested as an Agenda item for the June meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS GUESTS

June – An Officer from the Environment Agency

July – Linda Ianson from "Help Direct" and "Age UK"

Sept – Environment Agency / RSPB on Out Marsh development

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 28/2013 Carried that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

WLBC	Precept 1st Tranche	£24,232.00
WLBC	Council Tax Grant	£4,912.00
WLBC	Concurrent 1st Tranche	£2,467.00
HMRC	VAT Refund	£9,888.78
Bank Interest	April	£1.30
Investment Interest	May	£17.39

INSURANCE

RESOLUTION No.29/2013 Carried ratifying the Council's renewal of its comprehensive Insurance Policy with Aviva in the sum of £1,460.32. It was noted that an increase would be payable later in the year for the new CCTV and Changing Facilities.

POLICING

RESOLUTION No.30/2012 Carried unanimously that the Chairman meets with the Chairmen of North Meols, Tarleton and Rufford CPCs to review the apparently poor policing in the Northern Parishes.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of Shore Rd; Station Rd and Glen Park Drive.

WLBC CONSULTATION ON S106/CIL

It was agreed that no response was required.

LCC WASTE AND MINERALS VALIDATION

It was agreed that no response was required.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:50pm



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PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 10th June 2013 at 7:30pm in The Village Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors Mr Iain Ashcroft (Chairman);; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mrs Diane Earles; Mr Martin Forshaw; Mrs Norma Goodier; Mr Steve Kirby; Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mr David Maughan; Mr Ron Tyson.
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

No members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Mrs Jillian McKean; Mr Paul Sergeant.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 31/2013 Carried that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the **Parish Council** held on the 13th May 2013 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No meeting held

Allotments Committee – It was noted that a meeting was being arranged to review the implementation and compliance of the Management Agreements with HBALGA and NSPA.

Planning Committee – No meeting held.

OTHER REPORTS

Northern Parishes Police Focus Group / Pact – No Report. It was noted that a response in respect of the North Meols initiative was awaited.

Parish Plan Review Group – No meeting held

Village Centre Feature Working Group – No meeting held

Village Trail Working Group – It was noted that a decision on LSTF funding was still awaited.

Best Kept Village Group – It was noted that the litter pick, whilst achieving a lot, had been very poorly supported.

Linear Park Working Group – It was noted that having made observations on the proposed development, the group now awaited a formal planning application.

Emergencies and Information Protocol Group - The group noted that having received the presentation from Mr Sam Beaumont of the Environment Agency, an overview would be published in the Shore Line Summary.

Love Hesketh Bank Campaign - Samples of proposed merchandise were made available.

CLERK'S REPORT

PARISH COUNCIL STATION ROAD CCTV

It was noted that the system was now operational and undergoing testing.

SHORE ROAD CHANGING FACILITIES

It was noted that work commenced on site on Tuesday 28th May. It was also noted that a donation of £1,000 would be forthcoming from Cuadrilla.

ANNUAL RETURN

This had been completed and dispatched to the External Auditor on 3rd June 2013.

EMAILS

The Clerk again advised as to the availability of outgoing email facilities for Members to better address issues of data protection.

WLBC CAPITAL GRANT APPLICATION

It was noted that the application regarding the Community Centre Hall Heating had been unsuccessful.

DOG FOULING

The Clerk reported that he had received several positive responses to the Council's "Name and Shame" initiative.

SHALE GAS

Members were apprised of a communication from Cuadrilla stating that they are amending their current planning application to carry out pressure and sample testing rather than fracking at this stage.

STATION ROAD

It was noted that the Clerk had requested LCC to investigate the installation of railings outside the bank to discourage parking.

RESOLUTION No. 32/2013 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 33/2013 Carried that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	May	£3.26
Investment Interest	June	£14.64
Community Centre	Contribution	£900.00
WLBC	Grant re CCTV	£6,000.00
Lancs Enviro Fund	Permaculture Grant	£3,686.00
Telefonica	Mobile Phone Mast Lease	£4,000.00

INTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLUTION 34/2013 Carried that the Internal Auditor's report is received and the recommendation accepted.

SHORE ROAD POST OFFICE

A communication from the Post Office was noted.

PACT – Concerns were again expressed regarding ‘on pavement’ parking causing obstruction to pedestrians and especially wheelchair users.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of Glen Park Drive, Shore Road and Station Road Areas.

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 July 2013 at 7:30pm in The Village Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors Mr Iain Ashcroft^(a); Mrs Diane Earles; Mrs Norma Goodier;
Mr Steve Kirby (Chairman); Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mr David Maughan; Mr Ron Tyson.
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

(a) Arrived during item 9

Eleven members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mr Martin Forshaw; Mrs Jillian McKean; Mr Paul Sergeant.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 35/2013 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10th June 2013 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Maughan declared a personal non-pecuniary interest in item 10.

PUBLIC FORUM

Multiple concerns were expressed regarding Planning Applications 2013/0610/OUT (Newarth Lane) and 2013/0662/FUL Shore Road).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No meeting held

Allotments Committee – It was noted that a satisfactory meeting had been held to review the implementation and compliance of the Management Agreements with HBALGA and NSPA.

Planning Committee – No meeting held.

OTHER REPORTS

Chairman's Report – It was noted that another representative from Help Direct would be sought to make a presentation later in the year.

Village Trail Working Group – See item 11

Linear Park Working Group – It was noted that the group now awaited a formal planning application from Henry Alty.

Emergencies and Information Protocol Group – A report was given and confirmation that a substantive proposition would be presented at the September meeting.

Love Hesketh Bank Campaign – A spreadsheet of the proposed action and costs was considered. The meeting was advised that a substantive proposition would be presented at the September meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT

PARISH COUNCIL STATION ROAD CCTV

It was noted that the system was now fully operational.

SHORE ROAD CHANGING FACILITIES

It was advised that satisfactory progress was being made and that the contract was on schedule.

DOG FOULING

The Clerk had received three compliments on the Council's initiative. Contractors working for the Council had reported a noticeable drop in fouling on the Council's land. The Clerk was requested to order another batch of 10 signs for which a substantive proposition would be tabled in September.

OUTMARSH DEVELOPMENT

As previously advised, it was confirmed that Mr Richard Shirres from the Environment Agency would address the September meeting on the EA / RSPB proposals for the easterly end of the outmarsh

STATION ROAD TRAFFIC ISSUES

It was advised that after two separate reviews, LCC would not authorise the erection of kerb edge railings outside the bank. It was noted that the number of reported accidents between Hesketh Lane and Rankin Avenue was substantially down since the road re-design had been completed with only one significant incident.

TREE INSPECTIONS

Following inspections of the Shore Road trees by a new arboriculturist, it was noted that a number of dangerous situations were present which had apparently existed for some time despite being advised by the previous inspector that all was in order; the Clerk noted that he would be taking this up with them. In the meantime some urgent significant work is being carried out to address the problems.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

The Clerk advised regarding the distribution of leaflets from a group or person styling themselves as "Hesketh with Beconsall and Tarleton Action Group" (HBTAG) promoting opposition to the plans for developing the Alty land. The Clerk reminded Councillors that at this stage the Council, having reviewed consultation documents, is sanguine with regards to the development as a whole and awaits the formal Planning Application before formally

making observations and comments. It was further noted that the leaflet's origin appeared to be anonymous and as such could not carry any weight.

LOCAL PLAN

Members had received a copy of the "Main Changes" leaflet last week. The Clerk had not placed this on the Agenda as at this stage in the process as the only observations that can be made are on the grounds of legal compliance and soundness. Members concurred with this.

COTTAMS FARM – PROPOSED WIND TURBINES

Members noted that the application was substantially in line with the previous application on the same site. The Clerk confirmed that under his delegated powers he would submit the same objections as that to the previous application.

RESOLUTION No. 36/2013 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 37/2013 Carried that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	June	£3.03
Investment Interest	July	£13.17
Cuadrilla	Changing Rooms grant	£1,000.00
Telefonica	Mobile Phone Mast Lease	£4,000.00

ANNUAL RETURN

RESOLUTION 38/2013 Carried that the External Auditor's report is noted and that the Annual Return is ratified. The Clerk noted that the Council had now received clean, unqualified audits for nine consecutive years and continued to retain its status as a Quality Council under the Government's Accreditation Scheme and the General Power of Competence.

PLANNING 2013/0610/OUT

Whilst noting that the proposed development appeared to comply with the Local Plan provisions, Members were minded to object to the proposed development on various grounds outlined in representations made by members of the public.

VILLAGE TRAILS

RESOLUTION 38/2013 Carried that subject to funding from the LSTF of £5,000 and LCC of £1,000, the Council resolve to undertake phase one of the "Village Trails" scheme at a total cost of £10,500.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of Glen Park Drive, Shore Road and Station Road Areas.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:33pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

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PRESENT

Councillors Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mrs Diane Earles;
Mr Martin Forshaw; Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mr David Maughan; Mrs Jillian McKean;
Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ron Tyson.
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Mrs Norma Goodier; Mr Steve Kirby

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 40/2013 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8th July 2013 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Interests were declared.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No meeting held

Poor Marsh Committee – It was noted that discussions were in hand with the Managing Associations regarding compliance with the Trust Deeds and Agreements.

Planning Committee – No meeting held.

OTHER REPORTS

PACT – No meeting held, the Clerk distributed crime statistics for July and August. The Clerk apprised Members with regards to discussions held with the Constabulary in respect of the Future of PACT and funding. It was agreed that subject to the present North Meols Initiative, the Council would the lead in re energising the initiative.

Parish Plan Review Group – No meeting held.

Village Centre Feature Working Group – No meeting held.

Best Kept Village Working Group – Discussions were held regarding various eyesores and items requiring attention around the village. Most were however on private land and outside the remit of the Council. Borough Councillor Ashcroft had agreed to progress investigations into the dangerous state of the wooden shack adjacent to Top Shop and the

dangerous tree stump outside HSBC. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Cricket and Football clubs regarding perceived health and safety issues on both sites.

Linear Park Working Group – It was noted that the group now awaited a formal planning application from Henry Alty.

Emergencies and Information Protocol Group – It was noted that a presentation by LCC Emergency Response Unit would be given at the October meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT

DOG FOULING

The Clerk had now erected the new signs requested at July's meeting; two signs are being held in reserve.

OUTMARSH DEVELOPMENT

It was noted that Mr Richard Shirres from the Environment Agency was to have addressed the meeting on the EA/RSPB proposals for the easterly end of the outmarsh. This had now been postponed at his request until November.

TREE WORK

Some urgent work removing dangerous boughs had now been undertaken at Shore Road and the remaining issues will be dealt with later in the year.

COTTAMS FARM – PROPOSED WIND TURBINES

Members noted that the recent application had now been rejected.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES

Members noted that the Council's insurers had repudiated the claim for negligence made by Miss Dannielle Jones in respect of an alleged injury caused by tripping at the Shore Road Car Park. No further communication had been received and the matter was now closed.

COMPLAINT RE PUBLIC DRINKING

It was noted that this had been investigated by the police and that the Off-Licence and some individuals spoken with.

RESOLUTION No. 41/2013 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 42/2013 Carried that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	July	£2.39
Bank Interest	Aug	£1.06
Investment Interest	Aug	£15.61
Investment Interest	Sep	£13.54
Community Centre	Contribution	£600.00
WLBC	Grant re Changing Rooms	£14,378.41
WLBC	Precept 2 nd tranche	£24,232.00

DOG FOULING SIGNS

RESOLUTION 43/2013 Carried that the purchase of 10 further Dog Fouling notices in the sum of £298.10 + VAT. is ratified.

SCRUTINY & OVERVIEW REPORT

The Clerk presented the new Biennial report on the Council's activities with updates on all current activities. It was noted that copies would be forwarded to Members.

RESOLUTION 44/2013 Carried that the report is adopted.

HESKETH BANK CRICKET CLUB

RESOLUTION 45/2013 Carried that subject to the Club undertaking works in respect of various minor safety issues, the Council approve the application for grant funding as per the Clerk's report.

HESKETH BANK SILVER BAND.

RESOLUTION 46/2013 Carried that the Council approve the application for grant funding for the provision of neckties. Funds to be apportioned from reserves.

LOVE HESKETH BANK CAMPAIGN

RESOLUTION 47/2013 Carried that the Council approve the purchase of items as per 'Option B' subject to a maximum expenditure of £2,500 and approval of printing images. Funds to be apportioned from reserves.

WLBC BALANCING THE BUDGET CONSULTATION

It was decided that Councillors should make their own individual responses

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of Glen Park Drive, Shore Road and Station Road Areas.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:35pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 14th October 2013 at 7:30pm in The Village Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mrs Diane Earles;
Mr Steve Kirby; Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mr David Maughan; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman);
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Mr Martin Forshaw; Mrs Norma Goodier; Mrs Jillian McKean; Mr Ron Tyson

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 48/2013 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9th September 2013 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Interests were declared.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No meeting held

Poor Marsh Committee – It was reported that a Committee Meeting held earlier in the day had resolved the compliance issues raised; a report would follow.

Planning Committee – No meeting held.

OTHER REPORTS

PACT – No meeting held.

Parish Plan Review Group – Members were advised that it was now intended to hold a consultation event in January 2014.

Village Centre Feature Working Group – No meeting held. The Clerk noted that in view of the amended Master Plan for the Alty site, it might be prudent to hold the matter in abeyance until final development plans of the Alty site, including road layouts, were agreed.

Village Trail Working Group – It was noted that the grant application had not been submitted as reported by the Clerk at the September Scrutiny Review although this was expected imminently.

Best Kept Village Working Group – No meeting held. The Clerk noted that he had registered a formal note of concern with WLBC regarding the perceived dangerous condition of the derelict wooden shack adjacent to Station Road / Cherry Vale. Concerns had been raised in the past regarding the unsightly structure and the potential danger.

Linear Park Working Group – It was noted that the Clerk had concluded, in consultation with the Tarleton Parish Clerk, that it would be inappropriate to proceed further with the establishment of a Park Trust until such time that the Parish Council had had the opportunity of reviewing a definitive planning application incorporating the affected land which it may wish to support or object to.

Emergencies and Information Protocol Group – Following the presentation from the LCC Emergency Planning Officer, the group would make recommendations to a future meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT

OUTMARSH DEVELOPMENT

It was noted that Mr Richard Shirres from the Environment Agency would address the November meeting on the EA/RSPB proposals for the easterly end of the outmarsh.

HESKETH BANK BAND

It was noted that the ties which were to be donated by the Council had now been ordered.

CRICKET CLUB

It was noted that the replacement fence between the Club and the Bowling Club would be replaced during the week at a net cost to the Council of £1,250.

RECREATION GROUNDS PAVILION

It was noted that work was now substantially complete with an estimated overspend of approx. 4% (£3,000) due in the main to foundation and drains issues. The facility will not however be available for use before mid-November owing to Electricity North West's now having to go for a complete road closure. In addition, that meant the on-site trenches for supplies could not be re-instated or the area to the north of the building resurfaced until then.

CODE OF CONDUCT

It was noted that WLBC, as previously advised, were holding the annual Seminar/Workshop at the Council offices on Wednesday, 20th November 2013 at 7:30pm. Members were asked to respond directly to WLBC.

DATA STORAGE

The Clerk noted that he was now keeping all the current and historical Council data backed up securely in the Cloud. The cost was confirmed as £50 for 5 years for 500 GB facility.

ALTY

It was noted that an amended proposed Masterplan had been produced which took into account most of the concerns raised.

BUDGET 2014-2015

The Clerk noted that the budget process for 2014/2015 would commence at the November meeting and requested all Committees, Working Groups and Members to prepare forecasts for consideration by the Council.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

It was noted that a wreath was on order. It was agreed that Cllr Baldwin would lay this on behalf of the Council on Sunday 10th November.

CHRISTMAS.

It was noted that trees for the shops were on order for erection around Saturday 30th November.

BROCHURES

Brochures from Cuadrilla and Beconsall Gardens were made available.

RESOLUTION No. 49/2013 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 50/2013 Carried that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	Sep	£1.93
Investment Interest	Oct	£13.73
HBALGA	Management Fee	£300.00
WLBC	Grant re Changing Rooms (2)	£621.59
WLBC	Concurrent Grant 2 nd tranche	£2,467.00
Community Centre	Contribution	£600.00

HALF-YEARLY BUDGET OUT-TURN

RESOLUTION 51/2013 Carried that the 6 monthly budget out-turn is noted. A query was raised regarding the treatment of VAT payments producing an apparent imbalance; the Clerk advised he would apprise Members of the detail by email.

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

RESOLUTION 52/2013 Carried that the Council adopt an on-going policy to undertake the adoption (*where possible*) and the maintenance of various parcels of land which had become un-kept and an eyesore subject to a review of liability. This would initially comprise the south westerly embankment of the former railway bridge adjacent to Cherry Vale and

the land on the easterly side of Pardoe Close. Initial finance of £6,000 to be by viament of the budget heading for Parish Warden/Lengthsman

COMMUNITY COVENANT

RESOLUTION 53/2013 Carried that the Council commit to being signatories to the WL Armed Forces Community Covenant.

PROVISION FOR TRAVELLER SITES

RESOLUTION 54/2013 Carried that the Council considered that no suitable sites existed within the Parish to accommodate Travellers.

PACT

No new matters were suggested for consideration.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of Glen Park Drive, Shore Road and Station Road Areas.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 11th November 2013 at 7:30pm in The Village Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mr Martin Forshaw; Mrs Norma Goodier;
Mr Steve Kirby; Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mr David Maughan; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman);
Mr Ron Tyson
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

3 members of the public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mrs Diane Earles; Mrs Jillian McKean;

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 55/2013 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 4th October 2013 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Interests were declared.

PUBLIC FORUM

Representations of behalf of the Cropper Gardens Residents Association were made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No meeting held

Poor Marsh Committee – A report was given regarding on-going issues.

Planning Committee – No meeting held.

OTHER REPORTS

Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked Cllr Baldwin for laying a Remembrance Wreath on behalf of the Village.

PACT – The Clerk read a written report.

Village Trail Working Group – It was noted that the grant application to the LSTF had now been approved in the sum of £5,000

Best Kept Village Working Group – It was noted that the Cricket Club had now moved the detritus from their field. Concern regarding the condition of the CSG access road was raised. It was noted that the group hoped to progress the overall tidiness of the village rather than just directing efforts towards the competition.

Linear Park Working Group – A definitive Planning Application was awaited from Alty.

Emergencies and Information Protocol Group – A meeting was scheduled for week commencing 17th November.

CLERK'S REPORT

NATIONAL RAIL CONFERENCE

The Clerk noted that again the Parish Council had been recognised as one of the leading Parish/Town Councils in Lancashire as he was invited as Clerk to attend the National Rail Conference at the Midland Hotel in Manchester. Whilst most of the Councils affected by HS2 were present, there wasn't any officer present representing either LCC or WLBC.

COUNTY COUNCIL PARISH CONFERENCE

It was noted that the Clerk had attended this event at County Hall. It had proved to be a very interesting presentation on Public Health and Wellbeing and how Parish Councils could get involved. It was noted that Parish Councils don't have any "duties" but were empowered to undertake projects and expenditure in this area.

The Clerk also noted that there were leaflets on cycling in many parts of the County but none covering the Northern Parishes. The prospect of providing Hire Cycles was discussed and Cllr Forshaw offered to look into this and report back.

CRICKET GROUND FENCING

It was noted that the work was completed at a cost of £1,250. The Clerk had received a note of appreciation from the Club Chairman.

RECREATION GROUNDS PAVILION

It was reported that work was practically complete awaiting electricity connection and reinstatement of trenches and wearing surface. The property was now covered by the Council Insurance.

CODE OF CONDUCT

It was noted that WLBC, as previously advised, were holding the annual Seminar/Workshop at the Council offices on Wednesday, 20th November 2013 at 7:30pm.

CHRISTMAS.

It was noted that Trees and lighting Column decorations would be erected during the weekend of Saturday 30th November.

WLBC CONCURRENT GRANT

It was noted that in line with the reductions announced last year, the Parish grant has this year been reduced by a further 15% to £4,064; a total reduction over the 2 years of £1,741 pa.

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

It was noted that LCC had been contacted with a view to assistance in bringing the South West Bridge Area up to standard; this had been refused as they dispute ownership. The Clerk had now contacted the British Rail Residual Board to try to establish responsibility. The advice of the WLBC arboriculturist has been sought and recommendations received.

The Clerk had also written to Redrow Estates with an offer to take over, in principle, the ownership and maintenance of the open space at the approach to Pardoe Close and await their response.

COMMUNITY COVENANT

It was noted that the Clerk would be signing this on behalf of the Council on Thursday in the WLBC Mayor's Parlour.

WINTER SERVICE

It was agreed that Cllrs Baldwin / Ashcroft be authorised to instruct Parkinson re gritting

RESOLUTION No. 56/2013 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 57/2013 Carried that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	Sep	£1.40
Investment Interest	Oct	£14.06

POLICY DOCUMENT REVIEW

RESOLUTION 58/2013 Carried that the following Documents and Policy Statements having been reviewed by Members are ratified as presented and be considered for further review in November 2014.

Training - Policy Document

Risk Assessment - Policy Statement

Community Engagement - Policy Statement

Freedom of Information (FOI) Scheme - Policy Statement

Internal Audit Testing Schedule - Policy Statement

Effectiveness of Internal Control - Policy Statement

Play and Recreation Ground Inspection - Policy Statement

Public Forum - Policy Statement

Standing Orders - Policy Statement

Financial Regulations - Policy Statement

Members' Code of Conduct - Policy Statement

CROPPER GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION 59/2013 Carried that the Council make a donation of £200 (*funded from Reserves*) towards the cost of providing Christmas Day lunches to isolated residents. It was further agreed to offer both practical and financial support to the group in the New Year once the Council had been satisfied as to the Constitution and Financial Management of the group and the authorised use of the Cropper Gardens communal rooms.

2014-2015 BUDGET

The following items were presented and agreed to be provisionally included:-

RECREATION COMMITTEE BUDGET

1. Continue the Recreation Grounds and Play Area maintenance including grass cutting, litter clearance, hedge cutting and sweeping of car-parks at the current frequency.
Litter picking normally fortnightly increased to weekly during the school summer holidays.
2. Continue quarterly engineering inspections of play equipment.
3. Continue annual inspections of trees for safety.
4. Undertake repainting of all play equipment and fencing as required in April.
5. Undertake significant repairs to the tarmac surfacing of the Glen Park play area.
6. Include in the Recreation Budget the standing services costs of the new Shore Road Changing rooms – Standing charges for Water and Electricity, Cleaning, Insurance and any statutory charges (*Actual usage costs to be charged to user groups*).
7. Continue to negotiate the adoption of Poppyfields Play Area and Public open space subject to satisfactory condition and funding.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

£2,000 to the general improvement costs including the replacement of failed trees and bulb planting to the Station Road embankment.

VILLAGE TRAILS

£5,000 (subject to LSTF match funding) for phase two.

PACT

It was requested that incidents of parking on footpaths and the approach to the pedestrian crossing be again addressed.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of Glen Park Drive, Shore Road and Station Road Areas.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:40pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 9th December 2013 at 7:30pm in The Village Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mrs Norma Goodier; Mr Steve Kirby;
Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mr David Maughan; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ron Tyson
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

No members of the public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllrs; Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Diane Earles; Mr Martin Forshaw; Mrs Jillian McKean;

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 60/2013 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 11th November 2013 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Sergeant declared a prejudicial interest in item 14.
Cllr Kirby declared a potential prejudicial interest in item 11.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No meeting held

Poor Marsh Committee – Members were apprised regarding on-going difficulties regarding Agreement compliance with HBALGA. Personal circumstances had delayed a further meeting.

Planning Committee – No meeting held.

OTHER REPORTS

Chairman's Report

The Chairman noted the Council's appreciation to Duncan Taylor of Arden Lea for again donating and fitting the village centre festal wreaths on the lighting columns. It was also noted that repairs had commenced at the CSG access road.

PACT – No report.

Village Trail Working Group – No report.

Best Kept Village Working Group – A meeting had been held on 25th November. It had been decided to sponsor competitions for Best Kept Front Garden, Best Commercial

Premises and hanging baskets. It was noted with sadness that detritus was again accumulating at the Cricket Club ground. It was also noted that the Recreation Committee had agreed to provide "Public Awareness" notices at the CSG

Linear Park Working Group – A definitive Planning Application was awaited from Alty.

CLERK'S REPORT

RECREATION GROUNDS PAVILION

It was noted that work was practically complete with electricity connected on the 9th. Final testing will now be completed and the CCTV cameras initialised on Monday 16th following which the facility will be available for use. It was also noted that the property was covered by the Council Insurance and a draft use document agreed by the Recreation Committee.

CHRISTMAS TREES

It was noted that the trees and lighting column decorations had been erected all be it a bit late due to road-works.

COMMUNITY COVENANT

It was noted that the Clerk had signed this on behalf of the Council on Thursday 14th of November in the Mayor's Parlour.

CROPPER GARDENS RESIDENTS

The Clerk advised that the Grant towards the provision of Christmas Dinner would be as a donation of £100 towards the facilitating of the event and a £10 subsidy per Hesketh Bank person attending. This would be limited to £200 overall.

BECCONSALL GARDENS

The Clerk advised that he had met with Rowland Homes and, as previously agreed, confirmed that the Council would be prepared to receive the extended Play Area subject to a new 1.5m fence being erected on the new boundary with no direct access from the estate, additional trees as per the plan and grassing of the extended area. The transfer would have to be subject to the receipt of a commuted sum, as calculated by WLBC, for 5 years maintenance.

PARDOE CLOSE

A response was still awaited from Redrow Homes.

STATION ROAD BRIDGE

Despite claims to the contrary, the Clerk had now established that British Rail had sold the old bridge, approaches and embankments, along with a £10,000 maintenance contribution to LCC in 1983 and that they should therefore maintain the overgrown area to the south west of the old line.

LOVE HESKETH BANK

It was noted that the Clerk had met with Cllr Earles regarding the ongoing moderation of the proposed Twitter and Facebook accounts. Cllr Earles had agreed to monitor all entries.

RESOLUTION No. 61/2013 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 62/2013 Carried that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	Sep	£0.82
Investment Interest	Oct	£11.14
Community Centre Contrib	Nov/Dec	£600.00

EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKING GROUP

RESOLUTION No. 63/2013 Carried that the report of the Working Group is noted and that the Clerk is requested to advise LCC of the findings in response to the West Lancashire Transport Plan Consultation. It was also resolved that no further action should be taken by the Council as it had neither the resources nor assets to manage any future situation.

WLBC CAPITAL FUNDING

RESOLUTION 64/2013 Carried that the Council make an application to support their current project to recover un-kept waste land within the Parish.

2014-2015 BUDGET

It was noted that the Clerk would prepare a budget, from the information provided, for consideration at the January meeting.

PACT

It was again requested that incidents of parking on footpaths and the approach to the pedestrian crossing be again addressed.

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of Glen Park Drive, Shore Road, Station Road and the CSG Areas.

HESKETH BANK AFC

Having a prejudicial interest, Cllr Sergeant left the meeting and Cllr Goodier took the Chair. The Clerk reported on a request from the Football Club noting that since their original commitment to the Shore Road changing rooms, their financial situation had changed and they were therefore requesting stage payments.

RESOLUTION 65/2013 Carried that the Clerk is authorised to agree a repayment plan with the Club on similar lines to existing arrangements.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:40pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 13th January 2014 at 7:30pm in The Village Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors; Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mrs Diane Earles;
Mr Martin Forshaw; Mr Steve Kirby; Mr David Maughan; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman);
Mr Ron Tyson
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

12 members of the public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllrs; Mrs Norma Goodier; Mrs Julie Lancaster; Mrs Jillian McKean;

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 66/2013 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9th November 2013 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Forshaw declared an interest in item 9 as WLBC Portfolio holder for Planning

PUBLIC FORUM

Several members of the public spoke with concerns in respect of the proposed development of the Alty site. Concerns in the main were centred around the provision of utilities, health care and the infrastructure, especially roads with a particular emphasis on Hesketh Lane

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – No meeting held

Love Hesketh Bank – Cllr Earles confirmed that the project was on time and on budget for launch on the 14th of February.

Poor Marsh Committee – Members were apprised regarding a recent meeting with HBALGA at which progress had been made in respect of compliance.

Planning Committee – In order to accommodate members of the public, item 9 was brought forward.

After discussion, Members concluded that a further Meeting should be held so that the Council could respond to the application with the benefit of the views expressed by Parish Residents at such a meeting. The Clerk was instructed to arrange this.

OTHER REPORTS

PACT – Lack of support from the police was again referred to. The Clerk reminded Members that PACT was a joint initiative and that the Council could, if it so wished, take the lead role.

Village Trail Working Group – No meeting held.

Best Kept Village Working Group – No meeting held.

CLERK'S REPORT

RECREATION GROUNDS PAVILION

The Pavilion is now complete and available for use by organised groups, the Football Club having signed the first "Use Agreement". The CCTV was reported to be operational monitoring the rear and inside of the building along with a high level patrol camera which could monitor the school, car park and substantial parts of the Poor Marsh site.

It was also noted that the Football Club had agreed to staged contributions to the scheme over a 28 month period.

CROPPER GARDENS RESIDENTS

It was noted that the Christmas Lunch had not taken place as planned due to issues within the association. The secretary, on her own initiative and totally at her own expense, therefore arranged a Christmas Day lunch for 9 residents within one of the bungalows. It was agreed that the Council should offer her re-imbusement.

BECCONSALL GARDENS

The Clerk advised that he was still negotiating with Rowland Homes requiring that the new fence should be 1.5m high, the existing Hawthorn is removed and the new area grassed.

PARDOE CLOSE

The Clerk confirmed that he had now reached agreement in principle with Redrow Homes for ownership of the POS to be transferred to the Parish Council.

STATION ROAD BRIDGE

It was noted that the Clerk had now obtained copies of the conveyance documents transferring responsibility of the embankments from British Rail to LCC. The Clerk had therefore requested formal consent to the Parish Council maintaining the land.

RESOLUTION No. 67/2013 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 68/2013 Carried that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	Dec	£0.90
Investment Interest	Jan	£10.49
Lancs Env Fund	New Shoots Grant	£907.00
Elec NW	Wayleave payment	£124.65

BUDGETS

RESOLUTION No. 69/2013 Carried that the budget out-turn report to 31st December 2013 is noted.

RESOLUTION No. 70/2013 Carried that The proposed budget, subject to an additional item towards the repair of the Church Public Clock in the sum of £200 is agreed.

RESOLUTION No. 71/2013 Carried that a precept of **£50,698** is set on West Lancs Borough Council as collecting authority

PACT

No new items

INSPECTION REPORTS

Reports were received in respect of Shore Road, Station Road and the CSG Areas.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:28pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 10th February 2014 at 7:30pm in The Village Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors; Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mrs Diane Earles;
Mr Martin Forshaw; Mrs Norma Goodier; Mr Steve Kirby; Mrs Julie Lancaster;
Mr David Maughan; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ron Tyson
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

32 members of the public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs Jillian McKean;

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 72/2013 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 13th January 2014 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Forshaw declared a pecuniary interest in item 7 as a property owner in the vicinity of the development.

Cllr. Goodier declared an interest in item 7 as she had a pre-determined view.

LOVE HESKETH BANK

Members were updated with arrangements for the launch on 14th February.

CLERK'S REPORT

BECCONSALL GARDENS

The Clerk advised that an impasse with Rowland Homes existed in respect of the Council requiring a new fence of 1.2m height, the matter had been referred to WLBC legal department.

PARDOE CLOSE

The Clerk confirmed that he was waiting for a draft conveyance document.

STATION ROAD BRIDGE

It was noted that costings were being obtained for tree and shrub works and the grassing of the embankment. It was also noted that a Planning Application had been submitted for the adjacent 'shack'.

RESOLUTION No. 73/2013 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 74/2013 Carried that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	Jan	£0.90
Investment Interest	Feb	£8.71
Cropper Gardens RA	Refund of Grant	£200.00
Elec NW	Wayleave payment	£124.65

PLANNING

RESOLUTION No. 75/2013 Carried that the Council support Planning **Application 2013/1258/HYB** subject to a significant number of concerns being satisfactorily addressed. It was agreed that a Working Group would meet on Monday 17th of February to discuss and formulate a detailed response to the various issues of concern.

INSPECTION REPORTS

A report was received in respect of Shore Road

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:22pm



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 10th March 2014 at 7:30pm in The Village Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

PRESENT

Councillors; Mr Iain Ashcroft; Mrs Maureen Baldwin; Mrs Diane Earles;
Mrs Norma Goodier; Mr Steve Kirby; Mrs Julie Lancaster;
Mrs Jillian McKean; Mr David Maughan; Mr Paul Sergeant (Chairman); Mr Ron Tyson
Mr Ian T. Cropper (Parish Clerk)

No members of the public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mr Martin Forshaw

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 76/2013 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10th February 2014 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Earles declared a pecuniary interest in item 8.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Play Areas and Recreation Ground – It was noted that following the official opening the new Pavilion was now in use. It was also confirmed that agreement had been reached in respect of the Station Road Play area and Rowland Homes.

Poor Marsh Committee – Members were advised that a planned meeting with the management groups had not gone ahead due to the non-attendance of the HBALGA Chairman.

Planning Committee – It was noted that the Council's response to the proposed Brickworks development had been lodged and a News item placed on the Council's Website.

OTHER REPORTS

Love Hesketh Bank – Cllr Earles confirmed that the project had been successfully launched with good support within the village.

PACT – Lack of support from the police was again referred to. The Clerk noted that the PCSO had been relocated from Rufford again reducing Northern Parishes manpower.

Village Trails – It was reported that 3 stiles had been replaced with kissing gates on the initial route and that a further meeting with ‘Cityscape’ was planned later in the month.

Best Kept Village – It was noted that an entry would be lodged shortly. Members volunteered to accept an over-seeing brief on the various ‘certificate of merit’ entries. A mass litter pick was being arranged for 31st of May and the Gardens Competition judging would take place between 30th June and 9th of July with prizes being presented at the Village horticultural show.

CLERK’S REPORT

NEW PAVILION

It was noted that the facility had been formally opened and had its first use which had been delayed by 2 months because of ground conditions preventing sports play. 8 Councillors and spouses had been present for the ceremony. It was noted that the Council had already received numerous compliments in respect of the facility both locally and from visiting teams.

BECCONSALL GARDENS

It was noted that agreement had finally been reached with Rowland Homes requiring that the new western boundary fence should be 1.2m high, the exiting Hawthorn tree removed, 5 new trees planted and the new area turfed. The Clerk had also agreed that Rowland Homes (*at their expense*) would relocate the slide.

PARDOE CLOSE

The Clerk confirmed that he was still waiting for a draft conveyance document.

STATION ROAD BRIDGE

The Clerk noted that he had received satisfactory quotes for the work and this would start later in the week.

The Clerk also noted that despite many attempts, he had been unable to get National Grid to remove the extensive obscene graffiti and paint the doors of the gas valve station adjacent to the Station Road Play area. It was agreed that Lancashire Jet Clean should be instructed to carry out the work at a cost of £350 nett.

GRATITUDE

The Clerk noted with pleasure that he had recently received several complimentary emails in respect of the Shoreline Newsletter.

WLBC STAKEHOLDER SURVEY

It was agreed that Members would make their own responses should they so wish.

RESOLUTION No. 77/2013 Carried that the Clerk’s Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 78/2013 Carried that payments of Accounts made since the last meeting are ratified and the Invoices now presented on the Payments Schedule are approved and that the Clerk is authorised to complete the appropriate electronic transactions.

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	Feb	£0.86
Investment Interest	Mar	£5.25
Community Centre	Contribution	£600.00
Football Club	Contribution	£300.00
Football Club	CSG Rent	£276.91
BT	Wayleave receipt	£20.00
HMRC	VAT Refund	£20,416.03

BUDGET DELEGATION

Resolution No. 79/2013 Carried that the execution and payment of 2014/2015 Budget items, other than New Capital Works, are delegated in full to the Clerk.

INTERNAL AUDIT

Resolution No. 80/2013 Carried that Members, having reviewed the Effectiveness of Internal Control and Audit procedures were content with the present arrangements and confirmed that the Clerk should seek the re-appointment of Mr Trevor Rimmer *CILCA* as Internal Auditor.

CHARITY DONATION

Resolution No. 81/2013 Carried that the Council ratify a payment of £200 to the Mayoress's Charities.

SHORE ROAD RECREATION GROUND

Members considered a request to allow the provision of two additional footpaths and the provision of a new public entrance to All Saints Primary School on the Council's Recreations ground. The matter was adjourned to allow members to inspect the area.

UNIVERSITY of the THIRD AGE (U3A)

Resolution No. 82/2013 Carried that an allocation of up to £150 is made from Reserves to part finance a launch event.

SUGGESTION BOX

Resolution No. 83/2013 Carried that the Council purchase a "Suggestion Box" from Sundry Funds for location in "Top Shop"

PACT PANEL

Representatives were again asked to raise the issue of pavement parking especially in the vicinity of the primary school.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:35pm