**
PALS**

**Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, 20th March 2025, 7.00pm**

**Hesketh Bank Community Centre**

**Present: Jenni Smitton (Chair), Angela Bond (Secretary), June Jordan, Melanie Burns, Steve Kirby**

1. **Apologies:** Rob Yates, John Glover and Carol Wellings
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters arising**

Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday, 13th February 2025 accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Steve Kirby Seconded: Melanie Burns

**Matters Arising**

The space was checked for disabled parking. Only one viable space. This will need further investigation and discussion.

1. **Chair’s Report – Jenni Smitton** All plots have now been filled and we welcome all new plot holders.It’s good to see activity on these plots. The Peace Garen is looking great. The wood and topsoil has arrived for the replacement of the raised beds. The signs have arrived and are awaiting to be placed. We are going to incorporate the official opening of the paths with the scarecrow event. Invitations to go out to LEF, Parish Council and Huntapac. Jenni has designed and printed information about events and a short history and photographs for the board in the carpark.
2. **Treasurer’s Report – Rob Yates**

This report gives a status report mid-March 2025

**Current Position**

The grass cutting bill has been settled at just over £500 and winter water bills have been paid at around £6 per month. Bee maintenance has come in at £96.94. Secateurs have been purchased at £19 to help with tree pruning. Unless otherwise advised all liabilities for 24/25 have been met. Any outstanding receipts must be agreed with treasurer by 25th March 2025.

All plot fees paid and there are seven plus one on waiting list.

**Projects**

Current spend on signs £582, plus £174 for braille. Wood has arrived for beds and has a projected cost of £600.

**Issues**

Controlling large vehicles such as hedge cutter serious damage to roadways and our hedges has occurred this year. Also caused work by filling ditch with debris.

Agree new budget, last years attached.

Lack of response to site maintenance requests and committee support. More and more work being put on fewer people.

Request for shredded cuttings for paths.

**Future**

Suggest an informal walk about before Easter to ensure all plots are being worked.

1. **Membership Secretary’s Report –**

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| **Hesketh Bank** | 7 |
| **Others** | 1 |

1. **Future Events**

AGM – 19th June

Scarecrow Competition – 28th June

Mikron – July 6th

Summer Show – 30th August

Quiz Night – 26th September

Date of next Meeting - Thursday 10th April 2025 - Hesketh Bank Community Centre – 7pm.