



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th June 2025 at 7:00pm at Hesketh Bank Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillors Paul Sergeant (Chairman), Kate Maughan (Vice Chairman), Steve Kirby, Joan Witter, John Hunter, Ron Tyson, Norma Goodier, Samantha Townsend, Carol Andress & Ian Eccles

Graham Crompton, Parish Clerk

One member of the general public was present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Tim Barnacle

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 2025/06/01 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 19th May 2025 are confirmed as a true record subject to the amendments detailed in appendix 1 (Appointments)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Steve Kirby declared an interest in matters relating to Hesketh Bank Community Centre, Hesketh Bank & Tarleton Helpers and Hesketh Bank Heritage Park.

PUBLIC FORUM

Stan Farrington & Councillor Eccles updated the Council on matters arising from the latest Flooding meeting – see below.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report

FLOODING WORKING PARTY REPORT

Stan Farrington confirmed he has renewed his complaint to the EA regarding the New Bank Drain – response awaited. He highlighted his and the groups concerns regarding the maintenance and upkeep of the flood defence embankments in the area highlighting ingress of Chlorosis and infestation of moles that are likely to compromise the stability of the areas.

The diversion of funds is now extremely limited to address these matters with the EA relying on their own data to allocate maintenance spend on a far more restricted basis.

MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillors highlighted the recent planning application for the renewal of temporary accommodation at Hundred End Lane (2025/0459/FUL). There are concerns that waste is being wrongly directed into the surface draining system. The Clerk will ask the EA to look into this once specific details have been provided by councillors.

CLERK'S REPORT

- The clerk previewed the content of the next Parish Council Newsletter.
- A reminder was given that the official opening of the new disabled access to the allotments will take place on the 28th of June to coincide with the Allotments Scarecrow Festival event. All Councillors were encouraged to support if possible.
- Judging of the Best Kept Garden / Street competition will commence at the beginning of July with long lists to be completed by the end of June 2025.
- The holes in the grassed area to the entrance of Glen Park Drive how now been filled.
- The Parish Council's printing costs are escalating month on month – Clerk to complete a piece of work to identify a more cost- effective solution.
- Meeting with the Heritage Museum confirmed for the 26th June 2025 – Clerk and Chairman to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.
- The Clerk has passed on the Parish Council's best wishes to Diane Earles who was taken into hospital last week.
- The Clerk has passed on the Parish Council's appreciation to the Community Centre who have offered to ensure the Notice Boards are kept clean and tidy throughout the year.

RESOLUTION No. 2025/06/02 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2025/06/03 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 transactions.

The Council's liquid assets on the 31 May 2025 were reported as:

Receipts	
Hesketh Bank AFC additional rent	£308.75
Deposit Account Interest	£601.51
NatWest Bank Interest	£56.47

Balances 31 May 2025

Current Account	£59,263.39
CCLA Deposit Account	£164,000.00
Total Liquid Funds	£223,263.39

Hesketh with Beconsall Community Fund Report

Funds Committed

Heritage Museum £2,000 (not drawn)
Community Centre £2,000 (not drawn)
Cricket Club £2,000 (not drawn)

Funds still to commit - £4,000.

Adoption of Public Space & Play Area at Poppyfields.

WLBC have chased a response to their formal complaint regarding lack of engagement to the transfer of land. Further updated awaited.

Proposal that the Internal Auditor's report is received and noted.

RESOLUTION No. 2025/06/04 Carried that the Internal Auditor's report has been received and noted.

Proposal that the Council's Risk Assessment & Policy Documents are ratified as existing for continued use until May 2026.

A full review of the Risks has been completed and it was agreed that the existing checks and reviews are appropriate to address those risks identified.

RESOLUTION No. 2025/06/05 Carried that the Council's Risk Assessment & Policy Documents are ratified as existing for continued use until May 2026.

Proposal that the Council's Standing Orders Document is ratified as existing for continued use until May 2026.

RESOLUTION No. 2024/06/06 Carried that the Council's Standing Orders Document is ratified as existing for continued use until May 2026.

Recreation and Play Area Reports

Report received for:-
Shore Road June 2025
Station Rd June 2025
Glen Park June 2025

Items Received Since Agenda Publication

None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55pm

Appendix 1

	BARNACLE	HUNTER	KIRBY	MAUGHAN	SERGEANT	WITTER	ECCLES	GOODIER	TYSON	ANDRESS	TOWNSEND
Chairman					X						
Vice Chairman				X							

Lancashire Playing Fields Assoc Appointee (1)					X						
Environmental & PRow Member (1)	X										
Layfield Charity Appointed Trustee (1)						X					
Newsletter Editor (3)				X						X	X
Recreation & POS Committee (4)		X		EO	EO						
Planning Committee (4)				EO	EO			X	X		
Recreation Areas Inspection Members 3)		X			X	X					
LHB / BKV Working Group (3)							X	X	X		
Payment Authorisation Members (2)				X	X						
Henry Alty Way Delivery Group (5)	X			EO	EO	X		X			
Hesketh Bank Community Centre Representative (1)											
Northern Parishes Flooding Representatives (4)				EO	EO	X	X				
Green Lane Link Working Party (3)						X			X		X

Notes:

The Lancashire Playing Fields Assoc. Appointee is a Nominee of the Council and can act as he/she thinks fit. Reports are expected to Council as appropriate but at least annually

The Environmental & PRow Member is specifically charged with bringing to the Council any matters within the powers of the Council affecting the local environment and reporting requirements on Public Rights of Way for consideration under the LCC delegated scheme.

The Layfield Charity Appointed Trustee is a Nominee of the Council and can act as they think fit. The representative is expected to report back to the Council at least annually.

The Newsletter Editor is charged with gathering copy and producing print ready artwork.

The Recreation & POS Committee is appointed with full Executive and delegated authority to discharge their responsibilities within budget and without reference to the full Council.

The Planning Committee is charged with determining Planning Matters that may arise between normal

Council Meetings.

All Working Groups should formulate costed propositions for presenting to Full Council for authority to action.

Appendix 2

Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council

May 2025

CREDITOR	WORK/SUPPLY	DELEGATED	PERIOD	STATUS	NETT	VAT	REF	Statutory Power
E-on	Pavilion Electricity (May)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£151.47	£7.57	DD	PHA 1936 S87
IONOS	Web hosting / email (May)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£63.12	£12.62	DD	LGA 1972 S137
Graham Crompton	Net Salary Finance (May)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£1,183.12		EFT 2032	LGA 1972 S151
Graham Crompton	Expenses (May)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£271.43		EFT 2032	LGA 1972 S151
Ian Cropper	Net Salary Finance (May)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£148.08		EFT 2033	LGA 1972 S151
McDonald	Pavilion Cleaning (May)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£20.00		SO	PHA 1936 S87
Parkinson	Comprehensive Grounds Mice (May)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£2,048.00	£409.60	SO	PHA 1875 S164
HB Community Centre	Monthly Meeting (May)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£14.00		EFT 2031	LGA 1972 S12P23

Total Expense

£3,899.22 £429.79

At the General Meeting of the Council on the 9th June 2025 a Resolution was passed ratifying the payments of the above completed transactions and authorising the acting Responsible Finance Officer to electronically complete all the above remaining payments due.

Authorised Signatory 1

Authorised Signatory 2

Paul Bergess

Sharon

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