



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th September 2025 at 7:00pm at Hesketh Bank Community Centre.

PRESENT

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

One member of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Councillor Ron Tyson

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 2025/09/01 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 14th July 2025 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Joan Witter declared an interest in agenda item 14.

PUBLIC FORUM

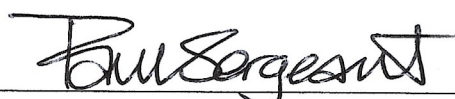
County Councillor Thomas De Freitas attended the Public Forum to update the Parish Council on the activity he has been undertaking since taking office relating to the Green Lane Link Rd project on behalf of the working group set up by the Northern Parishes last year.

He has request information and data and has a meeting set up in Council for the 17th September to understand current/future funding availability and to request the project receives due consideration as funds are allocated. He will update the Parish Council on the outcome of this meeting via the Parish Clerk.

He also confirmed he has agreement from LCC to apply traffic calming measures including temporary signage and SPID cameras on Chapel Road from October to December 2025.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report



FLOODING COMMITTEE REPORT

Updates provided from the last North Parishes Water Management Group meeting by Councillor Eccles. Data shared at the meeting suggests water levels have risen by 200mm over the last 5 years with forecast suggesting this rate will continue to be maintained going forward. The group received a presentation from "Our Future Coasts" on Shoreline Management Plans highlighting things that can be done to maintain our coastlines allowing for the natural movement of shorelines over time.

MEMBERS REPORTS

No members reports received.

CLERK'S REPORT

- **Newsletter update** – Summer edition has now been distributed – no reports of copies not being received within the Parish.

Autumn Edition will cover: -

Best Kept winners article

Articles featuring recipients of the Community Fund

- **Replacement Noticeboards** - now ordered. The one on Shore Rd is a single pain currently & will be replaced by a double pain board in keeping with others in the village. The redundant board at Hundred End Lane and the one outside the sandwich shop adjacent to Booths will be removed.
- **Fly Posting** – a banner advertising a social event at the Bowling Club had to be removed from the noticeboard adjacent to the Station Rd / Moss Lane junction which received some adverse social media comment – the banner was returned to the Bowling Club with a full explanation as to why we can't allow this kind of activity – the Chairman of the Bowling Club totally understood the Parish Councils position on this.
- **Henry Alty Way Web Site Content** – Ian Cropper has written an extremely informative piece which now features on Parish Council web site under a separate page.

- **Power to the CCTV on Station Rd** = this has now been addressed. The camera is now providing constant coverage of the area.
- **Leases for CSG Tenants** – clerk will be starting renewal process over the next month.
- **Allotments Agreement** – Allotments Chairman has requested a review of the Agreement & Trust Deed from 2016. The clerk will meet with allotments representatives to review and report back to the Parish Council.
- **East Irish Sea Transmission Project** – Parish Clerk highlighted the project for awareness. This relates to a renewable energy wind turbine farm located in the Irish Sea providing energy to Isle Of Man with remainder running onto the mainland – cabling and infrastructure may run via the Fylde coast, Penwortham, skirting Hesketh Bank and back out via Southport. We are entering the Public Consultation part of the process with a projected start date 2032 and formal application Quarter 3 2027. The Parish Council are encouraged to attend public consultation meetings local to them.

RESOLUTION No. 2025/09/02 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2025/09/03 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 July 2025 were reported as:

Receipts	
Hesketh Bank AFC additional rent	£308.75
Deposit Account Interest	£557.16
Deposit Account Interest	£19.23
NatWest Bank Interest	£37.04
WLBC – Concurrent Grant	£1,462.00

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

Receipts	
Hesketh Bank AFC additional rent	£308.75
Deposit Account Interest	£588.84
NatWest Bank Interest	£26.38

Balances 31 July 2025

Current Account	£33,628.97
CCLA Deposit Account	£164,000.00
Total Liquid Funds	£197,628.97

Balances 31 August 2024

Current Account	£24,241.19
CCLA Deposit Account	£164,000.00
Total Liquid Funds	£188,241.19

RESOLUTION No. 2025/09/04 Carried that the External Auditor's report for the Financial Year to 31st March 2025 was received and noted that this, being unqualified, does not require any action by the Council.

RESOLUTION No. 2025/09/05 Carried that the Power Of Attorney Document dated 8th February 2016 is set aside.

RESOLUTION No. 2025/09/05 Carried that the Parish Council's original decision to pursue ownership and fully maintain land to the rear of Booths adjacent to the local Persimmon development is re ratified.

Planning Application 2025/0669/FUL – Councils response. Agreed that an objection would be made albeit noting that the request has already been called in by County Councillor Thomas De Freitas.

Adoption of Public Space & Play Area at Poppyfields..

The issue has been escalated by a resident to Patrick Hurley MP who has written to West Lancs Borough Council requesting their input. His office will also be writing to Morris Homes to request an explanation to their lack of response to correspondence. A response is awaited.

Recreation and Play Area Reports

Report received for:-

Shore Road July & August 2025

Station Rd July & August 2025

Glen Park July & August 2025

Items Received Since Agenda Publication

None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05 pm

Hesketh with Beconsall Parish Council

July 2025

CREDITOR	WORK/SUPPLY	DELEGATED	PERIOD	STATUS	NETT	VAT	REF	Statutory Power
E-on	Pavilion Electricity (Jul)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£30.63	£1.53	DD	PHA 1936 S87
IONOS	Web hosting / email (Jul)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£65.12	£13.02	DD	LGA 1972 S137
JS Electrical	Station Rd Power Maintenance	Y	Expense	Paid	£140.00	£28.00	E2059	LG & RA 1997 S21
Graham Crompton	Nett Salary Finance (Jul)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£1,182.92		E2057	LGA 1972 S151
Graham Crompton	Expenses (Jul)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£263.25		E2057	LGA 1972 S151
Ian Cropper	Nett Salary Finance (Jul)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£148.08		E2058	LGA 1972 S151
McDonald	Pavilion Cleaning (Jul)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£20.00		SO	PHA 1936 S87
Perkinson	Comprehensive Grounds Mtes (Jul)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£2,048.00	£408.60	SO	PHA 1875 S164
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit Fee	Y	Expense	Paid	£420.00	£84.00	E2060	PHA 1875 S164
N Power	CCTV CSG	Y	Expense	Paid	£346.75	£17.34	E1956	LGA 1972 S144
Land Registry	HAW Searches	Y	Expense	Paid	£7.00		DD	LGA 1972 S137
HMRG	Tax/NI	Y	Expense	Paid	£636.54		E2056	LGA 1972 S151
Whitehill Direct	HAW Finger Post System	Y	Expense	Paid	£395.00	£79.00	E2055	LGA 1972 S144
Yates Playgrounds	Inspection Reports	Y	Monthly	Paid	£156.00	£31.20	E2053	PHA 1875 S164
LCC Sign Shop	HAW Replacement sign	Y	Expense	Paid	£40.00	£8.00	E2054	LGA 1972 S144
HB Community Centre	Meetings	Y	Monthly	Paid	£28.00		E2049	LGA 1972 S12P23
Yates Playgrounds	Replacement Fence Shore Rd	Y	Expense	Paid	£4,970.00	£995.00	E2050	HAAA1890 S44
Yates Playgrounds	Annual Equipment Repairs	Y	Expense	Paid	£4,989.00	£997.80	E2051	PHA 1875 S164
Heritage Centre	Community Grant	Y	Expense	Paid	£2,000.00		E2052	LGA 1972 S137

Total Expense £17,886.29 £2,664.49

At the General Meeting of the Council on the 15th Sept 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

Paul Serpents

Authorised Signatory 2

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Aug 2025

Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council

CREDITOR	WORK/SUPPLY	DELEGATED	PERIOD	STATUS	NETT	VAT	REF	Statutory Power
E-on	Pavillion Electricity (Aug)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£25.37	£1.37	DD	PHA 1936 S87
IONOS	Web hosting / email (Aug)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£78.80	£15.76	DD	LGA 1972 S137
HB Community Centre	Community Fund Grant	Y	Expense	Paid	£2,000.00		E2059	LGA 1972 S137
Graham Crompton	Nett Salary Finance (Aug)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£1,183.12		E2057	LGA 1972 S151
Graham Crompton	Expenses (Aug)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£236.75		E2057	LGA 1972 S151
Ian Cropper	Nett Salary Finance (Aug)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£148.08		E2058	LGA 1972 S151
McDonald	Pavillion Cleaning (Aug)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£20.00		SO	PHA 1936 S87
Parkinson	Comprehensive Grounds Mtce (Aug)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£2,048.00	£409.60	SO	PHA 1875 S164
Information Commissioners Office	Annual Fee	Y	Expense	Paid	£47.00		E2060	PHA 1875 S164
Whitehill Direct	HAW Finger Post System	Y	Expense	Paid	£395.00	£79.00	E2055	LGA 1972 S144
Yates Playgrounds	Annual Maintenance	Y	Monthly	Paid	£3,415.00	£683.00	E2053	PHA 1875 S164

Total Expense

£9,597.12 £1,188.73

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Paul Sergeant

Authorised Signatory 2

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