



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13th October 2025 at 7:00pm at Hesketh Bank Community Centre.

PRESENT

Paul Sergeant (Chairman), Tim Barnacle, Ron Tyson, Joan Witter, Ian Eccles, John Hunter, Steve Kirby & Samantha Townsend.

Graham Crompton, Parish Clerk

Three members of the general public was present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Norma Goodier, Kate Maughan (Vice Chairman) & Carol Andress.

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 2025/10/01 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 15th September 2025 are confirmed as a true record subject to spelling amendment – “pain” amended to “pane” under Clerks Report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr & Mrs Stammers representing the residents of Poppyfields, requested an updated on the adoption of Poppyfields by the Parish Council and an explanation of why the Parish Council hadn't adopted the area when the development was originally completed. The Parish Council suggested these questions should be redirected to West Lancs Borough Council who agreed the planning permission and who's role it was to complete the adoption in line with the terms of agreement. A full update on the ongoing steps the Parish Council have taken so far to progress matters was provided.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

Paul Sergeant

FLOODING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr Stan Farington shared an e mail from LCC with the Parish Council relating to Shore Road/Dib Road culvert ownership in response to an e mail from County Councillor Thomas De Freitas confirming they are responsible for the stone/brick-built culvert at the junction of Shore Road and Dib Road.

Regarding the steel pipe that runs alongside their culvert, they believe it is likely to be part of the Environment Agency infrastructure – they will liaise with the Environment Agency to determine ownership and respond to Councillor De Freitas by mid November.

MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Eccles highlighted a planning application for 4 houses at Fermour Rd in Tarleton will have a direct impact on the already overloaded drainage at Boundary Lane - Parish Clerk to check that Tarleton Parish Council will be objecting to the application.

Councillor Barnicle confirmed he had highlighted inconsistent speed regulation signage leading up to Bank Bridge with County Councillor Thomas De Freitas.

CLERK'S REPORT

- The Autumn newsletter will be sent to printers to prepare 1st draft this week.
- A separate page on the Parish Council web site is now live featuring all the winners and commended awards for the 2025 competition.
- Replacement noticeboards should be erected prior to next Parish Council meeting.
- The clerk updated the Parish Council on matters arising from recent meeting with the Chairman of the Poor Marsh Allotment Society.
- Weed spraying along the Henry Alty Way will commence over the next week to ensure the walkway remains in good order during the winter months now that the growing season has finished.
- A resident has highlighted trees adjacent to the playing fields on Shore Rd / Delta Park have become overgrown and are encroaching on telephone cables – Lengthsman has been asked to address.

- The damaged slide on Station Rd is covered under the Parish Council's insurance policy - Yates have been instructed to order replacement and install.
- The Parish Council were updated on matters arising following County Councillor Thomas De Freitas's meeting with LCC's Head Of Highways regarding funding for the Green Lane Link Rd.
- Remembrance Sunday Service 9 Nov 2025 10.45. Councillor Joan Witter will lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

RESOLUTION No. 2025/10/02 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2025/10/03 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 30 September 2025 were reported as:

Receipts

Hesketh Bank AFC additional rent	£308.75
Deposit Account Interest	£571.38
Nat West Bank Interest	£37.04
WLBC Concurrent Grant	£1,462.00

Balances 30 September 2025

NatWest Current Account	£19,596.92
CCLA Deposit Account	£164,000.00
Total Liquid Funds	£183,596.92

RESOLUTION No. 2025/10/04 Carried that the Half-Year Out-Turn Report has been Received and Noted.

RESOLUTION No. 2025/10/05 Carried that the leases for Hesketh Bank Bowling Club, Hesketh Bank AFC and Hesketh Bank Cricket Club should be renewed for a further 25 years on existing terms commencing 1 November 2025.

Poppyfields Update

This item was covered in Public Forum

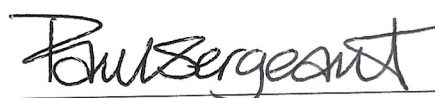
Recreation and Play Area Reports

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

Items Received Since Agenda Publication

None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm



Paul Sergeant

Sept 2025

Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council

CREDITOR	WORK/SUPPLY	DELEGATED	PERIOD	STATUS	NETT	VAT	REF	Statutory Power
E-on	Pavilion Electricity (Sep)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£28.07	£1.04	DD	PHA 1936 S87
IONOS	Web hosting / email (Sep)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£88.81	£13.76	DD	LGA 1972 S137
N Power	CSG Electricity CCTV cameras	Y	Expense	Paid	£410.24	£20.51	EFT 2066	LGA 1972 S144
Graham Crompton	Net Salary Finance (Sep)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£1,183.12		EFT 2069	LGA 1972 S151
Graham Crompton	Expenses (Sep)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£303.02		EFT 2069	LGA 1972 S151
Ian Cropper	Net Salary Finance (Sep)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£148.08		EFT 2068	LGA 1972 S151
McDonald	Pavilion Cleaning (Sep)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£20.00		SO	PHA 1936 S87
Parkinson	Comprehensive Grounds Mtce (Sep)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£2,048.00	£409.60	SO	PHA 1875 S164
Tara Moore	Best Kept Competition	Y	Expense	Paid	£25.00		Cq 107	LGA 1972 S137
Cancer Research (C Collister)	Best Kept Competition	Y	Expense	Paid	£25.00		Cq 105	LGA 1972 S137
LCC Sign Shop	HAW Signs	Y	Expense	Paid	£81.00	£16.20	EFT 2065	PHA 1875 S164
Ingleside	Newsletter Delivery	Y	Expense	Paid	£130.00	£26.00	EFT 2067	LGA 1972 S142
Dawn Hoggatt	Best Kept Competition	Y	Expense	Paid	£25.00		Cq 106	LGA 1972 S137
Hesketh Bank Christian Centre	Best Kept Competition	Y	Expense	Paid	£50.00		Cq 108	LGA 1972 S137
N Power	CSG Electricity CCTV cameras	Y	Expense	Paid	£451.09	£22.55	EFT 2070	LGA 1972 S144
Waterplus	Water Shore Rd Pavilion	Y	Expense	Paid	£39.83		EFT 2071	PHA 1936 S87

Total Expense

£5,036.26 £509.66

At the General Meeting of the Council on the 13th October 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 Sergeant

Authorised Signatory 2

S. H. W. J.

Paul Sergeant