



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10th November 2025 at 7:00pm at Hesketh Bank Community Centre.

PRESENT

Paul Sergeant (Chairman), Kate Maughan (Vice Chairman), Tim Barnacle, Ron Tyson, Joan Witter, Ian Eccles, John Hunter, Steve Kirby & Carol Andress.
Graham Crompton, Parish Clerk

One member of the general public was present.

Prior to the meeting commencing, a two minute silence was observed by the Parish Council to remember those who died in conflict.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Norma Goodier

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 2025/11/01 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 13th October 2025 are confirmed as a true record subject to the following spelling amendments: –

Public Forum – “updated” amended to “update” & “who’s” amended to “whose”.

Members Report – Councillor “Barnicle” amended to Councillor “Barnacle”.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC FORUM

Sarah Hagarty-Moran representing the Heritage Park in Hesketh Bank, thanked the Parish Council for their support in providing the Community Fund Grant earlier in the year. She confirmed that the work on the pathway had now been completed. She also invited the Parish Council to visit the site in Spring 2026 which the Parish Council were happy to accept.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman suggested the Parish Council should look into the possibility of displaying Poppies on lampposts during the Remembrance period in 2026 which the Clerk will report back on nearer the time.

FLOODING COMMITTEE REPORT

The council were updated on discussions from the last Northern Parishes Water Management Group Meeting which the Clerk attended. Landowners and local representatives highlighted assets that need repairing/maintenance. The Environment Agency maintained that they have no flexibility to move away from the works funding model they are operating in 2025. There was representation from Patrick Hurley's office and also LCC Reform Councillor, Simon Evans. The group continues to push for representation from WLBC planning at these meetings going forward.

MEMBERS REPORTS

Ron Tyson highlighted highway flooding on Station Rd near the bus stop adjacent to the care home. Cars travelling towards Tarleton are splashing people at the bus stop – the issue has now been reported via the "Love Clean Streets" app.

Tim Barnacle updated the Council on the issue of signage in the Bank Bridge area. The signage will not be amended by LCC but the road markings will be repainted.

CLERK'S REPORT

- The Autumn Newsletter has been printed and is with the distributor for delivery.
- The Parish lengthsman has now received the replacement noticeboards and lettering – work will start on replacing existing boards over the next couple of weeks.
- Autumn weed spraying on the Henry Alty Way has now been completed
- The lengthsman has been instructed to make good the trees on Delta Park adjacent to the overhead telephone line.
- Remembrance Sunday was supported by a reasonable representation from the Parish Council.
- The recently completed disabled access route to the Henry Alty Way via Thornton Drive has been damaged by heavy rainfall causing severe rutting thus making access for mobility aids, wheelchairs and prams problematic. The area remains the responsibility of the developers Persimmon, who deployed contractors to make good the area late last week. The repairs are unlikely to address the issue long term and a more sustainable solution will be required. It is

worth noting that this is an ecology improvement area and a solid surface such as Tarmac is unlikely to be deemed acceptable by Planning at WLBC. The solution is more likely to be addressed by deploying an effective drainage system to ensure rainfall run off is maintained to the pathway to avoid heavy erosion. Persimmon have been made aware of the ongoing issue.

RESOLUTION No. 2025/11/02 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2025/11/03 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 October 2025 were reported as:

Receipts

Hesketh Bank AFC additional rent	£308.75
Deposit Account Interest	£542.54
Nat West Bank Interest	£39.03
WLBC Concurrent Grant (tranche 2)	£1,462.00
WLBC Council Tax Support Grant	£1740.51
WLBC Precept (Tranche 2)	£35,549.48
Hiscox Insurance (slide claim)	£2561.00

Balances 31 October 2025

NatWest Current Account	£51,086.55
CCLA Deposit Account	£164,000.00
Total Liquid Funds	£215,086.55

RESOLUTION No 2025/11/04 Carried to support the request for funding provided by the Hesketh Bank Community Fund, from Hesketh Bowling Club for £2,000 towards the installation of a new bowling green irrigation system. Proposed by Councillor Witter and seconded by Councillor Maughan – carried unanimously.

The Contractual NCJ Salary award 2025 applicable to the Clerk's Remuneration Package effective from 1 April 2025 was **Ratified**

Poppyfields Update

Correspondence from WLBC solicitor was shared with the Parish Council confirming he has had no further update from Morris Homes. Patrick Hurley's office advised him that they had written to Morris Homes by both letter and e mail to reiterate their initial contact and to request that they make prompt and constructive contact with WLBC. They added that if nothing else was heard within a reasonable timeframe, to let them know and they will consider further options to escalate. They have been advised this week by WLBC that they still not hadn't received a response.

Recreation and Play Area Reports

Report received for:-

Shore Road November 2025

Station Rd November 2025

Glen Park November 2025

Items Received Since Agenda Publication

None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm

October 2025

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CREDITOR	WORK/SUPPLY	DELEGATED	PERIOD	STATUS	NETT	VAT	REF	Statutory Power
E-on	Pavilion Electricity (Oct)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£30.31	£1.52	DD	PHA 1936 S87
IONOS	Web hosting / email (Oct)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£88.81	£13.76	DD	LGA 1972 S137
Graham Crompton	Net Salary Finance (Oct)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£1,183.12		E2078	LGA 1972 S151
Graham Crompton	Expenses (Oct)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£251.52		E2078	LGA 1972 S151
Ian Cropper	Net Salary Finance (Oct)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£148.08		E2077	LGA 1972 S151
McDonald	Pavilion Cleaning (Oct)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£20.00		SO	PHA 1936 S87
Parkinson	Comprehensive Grounds Mice (Oct)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£2,048.00	£409.60	SO	PHA 1875 S164
HB Community Centre	Monthly PC Meeting	Y	Expense	Paid	£14.00		E2072	LGA 1972 S12P23
Greenbarnes	Replacement Noticeboards	Y	Expense	Paid	£4,436.85	£887.37	E2073	LGA 1972 S144
Parkinson	Install Dog Fouling Signage	Y	Expense	Paid	£160.00	£32.00	E2074	LGA 1972 S144
HMRC	Tax/Ni	Y	Expense	Paid	£636.74		E2076	LGA 1972 S151
Parish On Line - Geokphere	Mapping Annual Subscription	Y	Expense	Paid	£100.00	£20.00	E2075	LGA 1972 S137
Parkinson	Repair Beech Hedge Station Rd Playarea	Y	Expense	Paid	£160.00	£30.00	E2079	PHA1875 S164
Parkinson	Repair Dangerous Manhole cover CSG	Y	Expense	Paid	£80.00	£12.00	E2080	OSA1906 S9-10

Total Expense

£9,307.43 £1,406.25


At the General Meeting of the Council on the 1th November 2024 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



 8/12/25