



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12th January 2026 at 7:00pm at Hesketh Bank Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillors Paul Sergeant (Chairman) Tim Barnacle, Carol Andress, Ron Tyson, Samantha Townsend, Steve Kirby, Joan Witter, Norma Goodier, Kate Maughan & Ian Eccles
Graham Crompton, Parish Clerk

One member of the general public was present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Apology received from Cllr John Hunter

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 2026/01/01 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8th December 2025 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the general public were present.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report

FLOODING COMMITTEE REPORT

No update since last meeting

MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Tyson expressed his concern about the impact on local traffic that the creation of the Astland Walks Energy Park will have. It was agreed that the Parish Council will write to LCC via Councillor De Freitas expressing these concerns.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk updated the Parish Council on suggested articles for the next Newsletter due out before the end of March 2026.

The urgent tree safety work has now been completed. The next Arbiculturist visit is scheduled for May / June 2026, on the back of which, a management plan will be established to maintain tree safety and health within the Parish going forward.

Nominal bank charges have featured for the first time in December 2025 as a result of a change to the banks charging policy over recent months. The clerk will investigate alternative banking arrangements and it was agreed that the position will be monitored to assess the impact of seasonal turnover through the account to understand if this was an isolated incident.

RESOLUTION No. 2026/01/02 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2026/01/03 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 December 2025 were reported as:

Receipts	
Hesketh Bank AFC additional rent	£308.75
Deposit Account Interest	£578.00
Bank Account Interest	£22.15
Balances 31 December 2025	
Current Account	£22,477.27
CCLA Deposit Account	£184,000.00
Total Liquid Funds	£206,477.27

Adoption of Public Space & Play Area at Poppyfields.

Parish Clerk updated the meeting on progress – WLBC solicitor still hasn't received a response to his e mail. He has referred the matter back to WLBC to confirm what further steps the Council want to take. A further update will be provided prior to the next meeting.

RESOLUTION No. 2026/01/04 Carried that the Quarter 3 Out-Turn Report to the 31st December 2025 has been Received and Noted.

RESOLUTION No 2026/01/05 Carried that the Proposed Budget (2026 – 2027) is ratified as presented and that a **Precept of £71,162.98** is set on West Lancashire Borough Council.

RESOLUTION No 2026/01/06 Carried to Delegate to Parish Clerk the expenditure of the non-capital revenue budget for 2026 – 2027.

Recreation and Play Area Reports

Report received for:-

Shore Road

Glen Park

Station Road

Items Received Since Agenda Publication

None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm

Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council

December 2025

CREDITOR	WORK/SUPPLY	DELEGATED	PERIOD	STATUS	NETT	VAT	REF	Statutory Power
E-on	Pavillion Electricity (Dec)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£28.87	£1.44	DD	PHA 1936 S87
IONOS	Web hosting / email (Dec)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£68.81	£13.76	DD	LGA 1972 S137
Graham Crompton	Nett Salary Finance (Dec)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£1,211.72		E2093	LGA 1972 S151
Graham Crompton	Expenses (Dec)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£250.23		E2093	LGA 1972 S151
Ian Cropper	Nett Salary Finance (Dec)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£152.92		E2094	LGA 1972 S151
McDonald	Pavillion Cleaning (Dec)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£20.00		SO	PHA 1936 S87
Parkinson	Comprehensive Grounds Mice (Dec)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£2,048.00	£409.60	SO	PHA 1875 S164
HB Community Centre	Monthly PC Meeting	Y	Expense	Paid	£14.00		E2092	LGA 1972 S12P23
Paul Sergeant	Chairmans Allowance	Y	Expense	Paid	£125.00		E2095	LGA 1972 S137
Nat West	Bank Charge (subsequently refunded)	Y	Expense	Paid	£6.66		DD	LGA 1972 S137
Total Expense					£3,926.20	£424.80		

At the General Meeting of the Council on the 12th January 2026 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


