



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th February 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, John Hunter & Ian Eccles
Graham Crompton, Parish Clerk

No members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 2026/02/01 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12th January 2026 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Witter declared an interest in agenda item 12.

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 requested an update on progress and developments relating to Green Lane Link Road working party. Funds were announced in September 2025 and allocation was to be agreed following the expiry of a consultation period in January 2026. An update has been requested from County Councillor Thomas De Freitas.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk updated the Parish Council on the finalised articles for the next Newsletter due out before the end of February 2026. This is with the publisher who is preparing the second draft.

Councillor Andress has visited the disabled access route to the Henry Alty Way and will share her observations with the council by e mail over the forthcoming days. The clerk will highlight the issues again with West Lancs Borough Council on receipt.

Bank Charges debited to the Parish Councils account at the end of December 2025 have now been refunded as have incurred charges for January and February 2026. Accounts will be managed going forward to minimise the amount of credit turnover through the account in an attempt to maintain turnover within the £100k threshold.

Residents have reported incidents of youths riding bikes on the Station Rd Play Area and causing damage to the surrounding grass. The clerk has left messages for the local PCSO to increase their presence in the area during the hours of dusk. CCTV footage continues to be reviewed for images to share with the police.

Confirmation received that the public footpath adjacent to Taylors Farm, off Moss Lane has now been made good.

A response from County Councillor Thomas De Freitas is still awaited in response to concerns raised about the Bretherton Energy Project and the impact the development will have on local infrastructure.

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2026/02/03 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 January 2026 were reported as:

Receipts	
Hesketh Bank AFC additional rent	£308.75
Deposit Account Interest	£610.34
Bank Account Interest	£14.74
Electricity NW – Annual Wayleave	£175.35
NW bank – charges refund	£6.95
Balances 31 January 2026	
Current Account	£24,406.83
CCLA Deposit Account	£164,000.00
Total Liquid Funds	£188,406.83

Adoption of Public Space & Play Area at Poppyfields.

The Parish Clerk shared correspondence from the WLBC solicitor, confirming he has asked WLBC to carry out an inspection of the area to establish the current condition and what steps Morris Homes must take to bring it to an acceptable standard.

He also confirmed that he has now established dialogue with Morris Homes and the request to adopt the area is with the MD and CEO. A further update will be provided once he has heard back from them.

RESOLUTION No. 2026/02/04 Carried that no action will be taken by the Parish Council in relation to Planning Application 2025/0629/FUL Variation Of Conditions 5 and 6 of planning permission 8/80/968.

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 7.40pm

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CREDITOR	WORK/SUPPLY	DELEGATED	PERIOD	STATUS	NETT	VAT	REF	Statutory Power
E-on	Pavillion Electricity (Jan)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£29.81	£1.49	DD	PHA 1936 S87
IONOS	Web hosting / email (Jan)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£88.81	£13.76	DD	LGA 1972 S137
Graham Crompton	Nett Salary Finance (Jan)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£1,211.72		E2101	LGA 1972 S151
Graham Crompton	Expenses (Jan)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£270.69		E2101	LGA 1972 S151
Ian Cropper	Nett Salary Finance (Jan)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£152.92		E2100	LGA 1972 S151
McDonald	Pavillion Cleaning (Jan)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£20.00		SO	PHA 1936 S87
Parkinson	Comprehensive Grounds Mtce (Jan)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£2,048.00	£409.60	SO	PHA 1875 S164
HB Community Centre	Monthly PC Meeting	Y	Expense	Paid	£14.00		E2096	LGA 1972 S12P23
N Power	Christmas Lights Electricity	Y	Expense	Paid	£48.18	£2.41	E2102	LGA 1972 S144
N Power	CCTV CSG	Y	Expense	Paid	£454.10	£22.70	DD	LGA 1972 S144
Lite Ltd	Christmas Lights Display	Y	Expense	Paid	£8,776.32	£1,755.26	E2098	LGA 1972 S144
HMRC	PAYE & NI	Y	Expense	Paid	£794.07		E2099	LGA 1972 S151
Parkinson	Tree Safety Management Work	Y	Expense	Paid	£2,500.00	£500.00	E2103	LGA 1972 S144
Parkinson	Replace Noticeboards	Y	Expense	Paid	£330.00	£66.00	E2104	LGA 1972 S144
Waterplus	Shore Rd Pavillion - underpayment	Y	Expense	Paid	£56.73		E2097	PHA 1936 S87
Total Expense					£16,775.35	£2,771.22		

At the General Meeting of the Council on the 9th February 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

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