



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th March 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. 2026/03/01 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9th February 2026 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Kirby declared an interest in agenda item 11.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the general public were present.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report

FLOODING COMMITTEE REPORT

No update since last meeting. Clerk to make contact with Committee to find out when the next meeting will be.

MEMBERS REPORTS

No members reports

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk advised that the latest newsletter has now been printed and distribution will take place this week.

Councillor Andress has visited the disabled access route to the Henry Alty Way and shared her observations with the Council confirming the surface isn't fit for purpose and represents a risk to disabled wheelchair, mobility vehicle and pram users. County Councillor Thomas De Freitas has copied the Parish Council into an e mail confirming West Lancs Borough Council are seeking commitment from developers to make good the path before adoption takes place.

The Clerk updated the Council on a series of anti-social behaviour issues that have occurred across the village over the last month resulting in misuse of play areas and superficial damage to the grounds. An article will feature in the next newsletter covering the matter and a request for increased community policing presence will also be made by the Clerk.

County Councillor Thomas De Freitas has written confirming he has raised the Parish Council's concerns regarding the Bretherton Energy Project with the County Councillor for the neighbouring division and asked him what steps he is taking. He has also raised directly with LCC to see what their view is on the highway infrastructure impact. Responses are awaited.

The damaged slide on Station Road play area has now been replaced.

RESOLUTION No. 2026/03/02 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2026/03/03 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 28 February 2026 were reported as:

Receipts	
Hesketh Bank AFC additional rent	£308.75
Deposit Account Interest	£572.84
Bank Account Interest	£17.52

Balances 28 February 2026

Current Account	£22,697.38
CCLA Deposit Account	£164,000.00
Total Liquid Funds	£186,697.38

RESOLUTION No 2026/03/04 Carried to support the request for funding, provided by the Hesketh Bank Community Fund, from Hesketh Bank Silver Band for £650 towards the cost of lighting on the band buildings to improve safety and security for the whole site for users. The Parish Council requested that the lighting solution selected is one that is considerate of people attending the site and doesn't dazzle drivers. Proposed by Councillor Kate Maughan and seconded by Councillor Joan Witter – carried unanimously.

Adoption of Public Space & Play Area at Poppyfields.

No further update. A response from West Lancs Borough Council Solicitor is awaited.

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 (Feb)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£32.82	£1.64	DD	PHA 1936 S87
IONOS	Web hosting / email (Feb)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£88.81	£13.76	DD	LGA 1972 S137
Graham Crompton	Nett Salary Finance (Feb)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£1,211.72		E2109	LGA 1972 S151
Graham Crompton	Expenses (Feb)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£247.64		E2109	LGA 1972 S151
Ian Cropper	Nett Salary Finance (Feb)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£152.92		E2108	LGA 1972 S151
McDonald	Pavillion Cleaning (Feb)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£20.00		SO	PHA 1936 S87
HB Community Centre	Monthly PC Meeting	Y	Expense	Paid	£15.00		E2105	LGA 1972 S12P23
N Power	Christmas Lights Electricity	Y	Expense	Paid	£1.61	£0.08	E2107	LGA 1972 S144
LCC Sign Shop	Best Kept Street sign	Y	Expense	Paid	£76.00	£15.20	E2110	LGA 1972 S144
Roland Jones	Tree Survey	Y	Expense	Paid	£285.00		E2111	LGA 1972 S144
LCC Sign Shop	Signage	Y	Expense	Paid	£76.00	£15.20	E2106	LGA 1972 S144
Total Expense					£2,111.52	£30.68		

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

Tom Berges

Authorised Signatory 2

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