



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13th Aril 2026 at 7:00pm at Hesketh Bank Community Centre.

PRESENT

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

No members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Joan Witter

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 2026/04/01 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9th March 2026 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Kirby declared an interest in agenda item 16.

Councillors Sergeant & Hunter declared an interest in agenda items 17 & 18.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the general public were present.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report

FLOODING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Clerk and Councillor Maughan updated the Council on the position regarding lack of meeting activity over recent months. This is due to a change of role of the secretariat. They are also waiting for West Lancs Borough Council Planning to confirm a date they are able to attend the next meeting.

MEMBERS REPORTS

No members reports

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk finally managed to contact PCSO Neil Cronshaw regarding a spate of Anti Social behaviour during the last 6 weeks, particularly on and around the village play areas. He has agreed to increase presence during hours of dusk – no further incidents reported since this intervention.

The Clerk shared an e mail from County Councillor Thomas De Freitas with an update from LCC highlighting significant concerns regarding access to the proposed site for plant and machinery in relation to The Asland Walks Renewable Energy Park

The Clerk shared an e mail from County Councillor Thomas De Freitas regarding the proposed closure of a section of Moss Lane preventing access to emergency services. He has challenged this closure as he and the Parish Council have significant concerns for the wellbeing of a small number of residents this will affect.

The tree that was damaged in the high winds earlier this month at the entrance to the Centenary Sports Ground has been made safe by the Contracted Lengthsman.

The Secretary Of State For The Environment has written to confirm the changes via a variation report to the Coastal Path have been confirmed – Councillor Maughan is to liaise with the All Saints Church regarding the impact on access to the Heritage Centre as the path is formed.

A van ploughed into the bus stop at the junction of Hundred End Lane and Shore Road on Good Friday over the Easter period. The bus shelter is damaged beyond repair and an insurance claim with replacement quotes has been submitted. Confirmation to proceed with replacement is awaited before the order is made.

RESOLUTION No. 2026/04/02 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2026/04/03 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 March 2026 were reported as:

Receipts	
Hesketh Bank AFC additional rent	£308.75
Deposit Account Interest	£473.51
Bank Account Interest	£17.52
HB Cricket Club – rent	£535.16
HB Bowling Club – rent	£1063.73
HB Football Club – rent	£459.20

Balances 31 March 2026

Current Account	£9,269.03
CCLA Deposit Account	£164,000.00
Total Liquid Funds	£173,269.03

Adoption of Public Space & Play Area at Poppyfields.

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

Proposal that the Year End Budget Out-turn report is received and noted

RESOLUTION No 2026/04/04 Carried that the Year End Budget Out-turn report is received and noted.

Proposal that the Annual Accounts & Bank Reconciliation of the Council are Received, Accepted and Noted as presented.

RESOLUTION No 2026/04/05 Carried that the Annual Accounts & Bank Reconciliation of the Council are Received, Accepted and Noted as presented.

Proposal that the “Annual Governance Statement 2025/26” is ratified as presented and that the Chairman and Clerk are authorised to sign denoting the Authority’s Approval.

RESOLUTION No 2026/04/06 Carried that the “Annual Governance Statement 2025/26” is ratified as presented and that the Chairman and Clerk are authorised to sign denoting the Authority’s Approval.

Proposal that the "Accounting Statement 2025/26" is ratified as presented and that the Chairman and Clerk are authorised to sign denoting the Authority's Approval.

RESOLUTION No. 2026/04/07 Carried that the Accounting Statement 2024/25 is ratified as presented and that the Chairman is authorised to sign denoting the Authority's Approval.

Proposal to consider a request for funding, provided by the Hesketh Bank Community Fund, from Hesketh Bank Community Centre for £2,000 for support towards a new sign on the Founder Suite, repairs to car park and paint and repair to Founder Suite kitchen.

RESOLUTION No 2026/04/08 Carried to support the request for funding, provided by the Hesketh Bank Community Fund, from Hesketh Bank Community Centre for £2,000 for support towards a new sign on the Founder Suite, repairs to car park and paint and repair to Founder Suite kitchen. Proposed by Councillor Norma Goodier and seconded by Councillor Tim Barnacle – carried unanimously.

Proposal that the work relating to the renewal of the leases for the Centenary Sports Ground sports clubs is undertaken by Ian Cropper with associated charges being passed on to the respective lessees.

RESOLUTION No 2026/04/09 Carried that the work relating to the renewal of the leases for the Centenary Sports Ground sports clubs is undertaken by Ian Cropper with associated charges being passed on to the respective lessees.

Proposal that the Parish Council consent to planning permission for the erection of 2 storage containers on Parish Council land located at the Centenary Sports Ground adjacent to the telecommunications mast.

RESOLUTION No 2026/04/10 Carried that the Parish Council consent to planning permission for the erection of 2 storage containers on Parish Council land located at the Centenary Sports Ground adjacent to the telecommunications mast.

RESOLUTION No. 2026/04/11 Carried that the Parish Council will object to Planning Application No (Ref 25/00372/SCE Green Energy Park at Asland Walks, Bretherton.

RESOLUTION No. 2026/04/12 Carried that the Parish Council will support West Lancs Borough Council's original decision to decline Planning Application (Ref: 2025/0899/PNC) following an appeal to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for determination as to whether prior approval of details is required for change of use to two dwelling houses from agricultural building and for building works necessary to convert the building at Land South Of Western End Of Newarth Lane, Hesketh Bank, Lancashire.

recreation and Play Area Reports

Report received for:-

Shore Road

Glen Park

Station Road – report to be presented at next meeting due to absence of Councillor Witter.

Items Received Since Agenda Publication

None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55pm

CREDITOR	WORK/SUPPLY	DELEGATED	PERIOD	STATUS	NETT	VAT	REF	Statutory Power
E-on	Pavillion Electricity (Mar)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£27.32	£1.37	DD	PHA 1936 S87
IONOS	Web hosting / email (Mar)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£88.81	£13.76	DD	LGA 1972 S137
Graham Crompton	Nett Salary Finance (Mar)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£1,211.72		E2123	LGA 1972 S151
Graham Crompton	Expenses (Mar)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£236.75		E2123	LGA 1972 S151
Ian Cropper	Nett Salary Finance (Mar)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£152.92		E2122	LGA 1972 S151
McDonald	Pavillion Cleaning (Mar)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£20.00		SO	PHA 1936 S87
HB Community Centre	Monthly PC Meeting	Y	Expense	Paid	£15.00		E2112	LGA 1972 S12P23
Ingliside Ent Sols	Newsletter Delivery	Y	Expense	Paid	£130.00	£26.00	E2124	LGA 1972 S142
SLCC	Annual Membership	Y	Expense	Paid	£200.00		E2113	LGA 1972 S137
Hesketh Bank BC	Community Grant	Y	Expense	Paid	£2,000.00		E2115	LGA 1972 S137
Yates Playground	Replacement slide Station Rd Play ground	Y	Expense	Paid	£2,811.00	£562.20	E2114	PHA 1875 S164
Parkinson	Comprehensive Grounds Mtce (Mar)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£2,048.00	£409.60	SO	PHA 1875 S164
Black Box	Annual Maintenance & data- HAW	Y	Expense	Paid	£402.00	£80.40	EFT 2025	LG & RA 1997 S21
Black Box	Annual Maintenance & data- Station Rd	Y	Expense	Paid	£520.00	£104.00	EFT 2026	LG & RA 1997 S21
Black Box	Annual Maintenance & data- CSG	Y	Expense	Paid	£520.00	£104.00	EFT 2027	LG & RA 1997 S21
Black Box	Annual Maintenance & data- Glen Park	Y	Expense	Paid	£520.00	£104.00	EFT 2028	LG & RA 1997 S21
Black Box	Annual Maintenance & data- Shore Rd	Y	Expense	Paid	£520.00	£104.00	EFT 2029	LG & RA 1997 S21
Black Box	Annual Maintenance & data- Community Centre	Y	Expense	Paid	£520.00	£104.00	EFT 2030	LG & RA 1997 S21
HM Land Registry	Searches - new leases for sports clubs	Y	Expense	Paid	£63.00		DD	LGA 1972 S137
Waterplus	Shore Rd Pavillion (Mar)	Y	Expense	Paid	£43.38		E2125	PHA 1936 S87
HM Land Registry	Searches - new leases for sports clubs	Y	Expense	Paid	£14.00		DD	LGA 1972 S137
Net West	Bank Charges	Y	Expense	Paid	£3.85		DD	LGA 1972 S137
Total Expense					£12,047.75	£1,613.33		

At the General Meeting of the Council on the 13th 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

Authorised Signatory 2

Paul Sergeant

Khanafar

Paul Sergeant