



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8th June 2026 at 7:00pm at Hesketh Bank Community Centre.

PRESENT

Councillors Paul Sergeant (Chairman), Kate Maughan (Vice Chairman), Steve Kirby, Joan Witter, John Hunter, Ron Tyson, Norma Goodier, Carol Andress, Tim Barnacle & Ian Eccles

Graham Crompton, Parish Clerk

One member of the general public was present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Samantha Townsend

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 2026/06/01 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 11th May 2026 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Tim Barnacle declared an interest in agenda item 17.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report

FLOODING WORKING PARTY REPORT

The Parish Clerk updated the meeting with the date for the next meeting which will be held on the 1st July 2026 at 2pm at The Hub in North Meols.

MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Tyson updated the Parish Council on developments since the last meeting relating to concerns about the impact on drainage as the new water mains pipes are laid along Shore Road. The Clerk set out these concerns by e mail and a site meeting with United Utilities, their contractors and impacted residents / landowners took place.

They acknowledged damage to 3 culverts and have arranged to survey these plus the remaining ones still to be traversed. The results are awaited along with their proposals for repair and completion of the stretch.

CLERK'S REPORT

- The Clerk has shared the first draft of the Parish Council Newsletter with members of the working group – their feedback is awaited before going to print.
- County Councillors Thomas De Freitas's e mail was shared with the Parish Council providing an overview of the recently launched Local Transport Plan Consultation Document. There is a disappointing lack of investment proposed for the Northern Parishes and in particular the The Green Lane Link. The Parish Clerk will draw up a feedback document expressing the need to revisit this based on input from Parish Councillors.
- Judging of the Best Kept Garden / Street competition will commence at the beginning of July with long lists to be completed by the end of June 2026.
- A letter outlining support for an application for CIL monies from The Heritage Centre was shared and agreed with the Parish Council.

RESOLUTION No. 2026/06/02 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2026/06/03 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 May 2026 were reported as:

Receipts	
Hesketh Bank AFC additional rent	£308.75
Deposit Account Interest	£506.77
NatWest Bank Interest	£36.98
Hiscox Insurance Claim – Bus Shelter	£5,045.00
Hiscox Insurance – Bus Shelter Excess	£250.00
Tarleton PC – Allotments Surcharge	£84.00
HMRC – VAT Reclaim	£13,722.12

Balances 31 May 2026

Current Account	£51,840.63
CCLA Deposit Account	£164,000.00
Total Liquid Funds	£215,840.63

Hesketh with Becconsall Community Fund Report

Funds Committed

Heritage Museum £2,000 (drawn)
Community Centre £2,000 (drawn)

Funds still to commit - £6,000.

Adoption of Public Space & Play Area at Poppyfields.

The Parish Clerk continues to chase for a response to his update email request from two months ago.

Proposal that the Internal Auditor's report is received and noted.

RESOLUTION No. 2026/06/04 Carried that the Internal Auditor's report has been received and noted.

Proposal that the Council's Risk Assessment & Policy Documents are ratified as existing for continued use until May 2027.

A full review of the Risks has been completed and it was agreed that the existing checks and reviews are appropriate to address those risks identified.

RESOLUTION No. 2026/06/05 Carried that the Council's Risk Assessment & Policy Documents are ratified as existing for continued use until May 2027.

Proposal that the Council's Standing Orders Document is ratified as existing for continued use until May 2027.

RESOLUTION No. 2026/06/06 Carried that the Council's Standing Orders Document is ratified as existing for continued use until May 2027.

Proposal To Appoint by Resolution a Replacement Committee member with full Executive Powers to discharge matters relating to Planning (Planning Committee) following the resignation of Councillor Norma Goodier from the Planning Committee due to a conflict of interest resulting from her election to West Lancs Borough Council.

RESOLUTION No 2026/06/07 Carried that Councillor Joan Witter would replace Councillor Norma Goodier on the Planning Committee – Appendix 1 updated.

Proposal To consider a request for funding, provided by the Hesketh Bank Community Fund, from Climate Revolution Acts CIC for support towards the cost of providing a week long programme of climate change educational activities in Hesketh Bank and Tarleton.

RESOLUTION No 2026/06/08 Carried that the request is declined as the Parish Council believe alternative funding requests will provide a bigger direct tangible benefit to the local community.

Proposal To consider a request for funding provided by the Hesketh Bank Community Fund, from Peers Early Education Partnership for support towards the purchase of outdoor early years play equipment.

RESOLUTION No 2026/06/09 Carried to support the request for funding, provided by the Hesketh Bank Community Fund, from Peers Early Education Partnership for £2,000 for support towards the purchase of outdoor early years play equipment. Proposed by Councillor Norma Goodier and seconded by Councillor Tim Barnacle – carried unanimously.

Recreation and Play Area Reports

Report received for:-
Shore Road June 2026
Station Rd June 2026
Glen Park June 2026

Items Received Since Agenda Publication

None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm

Appendix 1

	BARNACLE	HUNTER	KIRBY	MAUGHAN	SERGEANT	WITTER	ECCLES	GOODIER	TYSON	ANDRESS	TOWNSEND
Chairman					X						
Vice Chairman				X							

Lancashire Playing Fields Assoc Appointee (1)					X						
Environmental & PRow Member (1)	X										
Layfield Charity Appointed Trustee (1)						X					
Newsletter Editor (3)				X						X	X
Recreation & POS Committee (4)		X		EO	EO						
Planning Committee (4)				EO	EO	X			X		
Recreation Areas Inspection Members 3)		X			X	X					
LHB / BKV Working Group (3)			X				X	X	X		
Payment Authorisation Members (2)				X	X						
Henry Alty Way Delivery Group (5)	X			EO	EO	X		X			
Hesketh Bank Community Centre Representative (1)											
Northern Parishes Flooding Representatives (4)				EO	EO	X	X		X		
Green Lane Link Working Party (3)						X			X		X

Notes:

The Lancashire Playing Fields Assoc. Appointee is a Nominee of the Council and can act as he/she thinks fit. Reports are expected to Council as appropriate but at least annually

The Environmental & PRow Member is specifically charged with bringing to the Council any matters within the powers of the Council affecting the local environment and reporting requirements on Public Rights of Way for consideration under the LCC delegated scheme.

The Layfield Charity Appointed Trustee is a Nominee of the Council and can act as they think fit.

The representative is expected to report back to the Council at least annually.

The Newsletter Editor is charged with gathering copy and producing print ready artwork.

The Recreation & POS Committee is appointed with full Executive and delegated authority to discharge their responsibilities within budget and without reference to the full Council.

The Planning Committee is charged with determining Planning Matters that may arise between normal Council Meetings.

All Working Groups should formulate costed propositions for presenting to Full Council for authority

Appendix 2

Hesketh with Beconsall Parish Council

May 2026

CREDITOR	WORK/SUPPLY	DELEGATED	PERIOD	STATUS	NETT	VAT	REF	Statutory Power
E-on	Pavilion Electricity (May)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£35.39	£1.77	DD	PHA 1936 S87
IONOS	Web hosting / email (May)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£71.47	£14.29	DD	LGA 1972 S137
Graham Crompton	Nett Salary Finance (May)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£1,211.72		E2134	LGA 1972 S151
Graham Crompton	Expenses (May)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£267.71		E2134	LGA 1972 S151
Ian Cropper	Nett Salary Finance (May)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£152.92		E2133	LGA 1972 S151
McDonald	Pavilion Cleaning (May)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£20.00		SO	PHA 1936 S87
HB Community Centre	Monthly PC Meeting(May)	Y	Expense	Paid	£15.00		E2132	LGA 1972 S12P23
HB Heritage Centre	HBPC Community Fund Grant	Y	Expense	Paid	£2,000.00		E2136	LGA 1972 S137
HB Silver Band	HBPC Community Fund Grant	Y	Expense	Paid	£650.00		E2135	LGA 1972 S137
HB Community Centre	HBPC Community Fund Grant	Y	Expense	Paid	£2,000.00		E2137	LGA 1972 S137
Parkinson	Comprehensive Grounds Mfcs (May)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£2,048.00	£409.60	SO	PHA 1875 S164
Nat West	Bank Charges	Y	Expense	Paid	£6.80		DD	LGA 1972 S137
Ian Cropper	Lease Prep Fee	Y	Expense	Paid	£1,470.00		E2131	PHA 1875 S164

Total Expense

£9,949.01

£425.66

At the General Meeting of the Council on the 8th June 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

Chavafhan

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