



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13th July 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

Two members of the general public was present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Samantha Townsend

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 2026/07/01 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 08th June 2026 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC FORUM

An observation was made that there has been a marked increase in roadside parking along Shore Rd over recent times. The offer to engage with LCC to enquire about parking restrictions in the area was declined at this stage.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report

FLOODING WORKING PARTY REPORT

Attendees from the recent Flooding meeting updated the Parish Council on matters arising. The issue of culvert damage from United Utilities work along Shore Road was discussed although no update on results of damage survey was forthcoming. The Clerk will chase up United Utilities on this matter.



MEMBERS REPORTS

None

CLERK'S REPORT

- The Clerk confirmed the Spring edition of the newsletter has now been completed.
- The bus shelter at the junction of Hundred End Land and Shore Road has now been replaced.
- Judging of the Best Kept Garden / Street competition for 2026 has been completed – winners have been informed and certificates/prizes will be distributed during the course of this week.
- The Community Grant Funding for PEEP agreed at June meeting cannot be paid into a bank account in their name – PEEP operates as a community project of Hesketh Bank Christian Centre. The Parish Council agreed by majority of 8 with two abstentions to direct the funds via the Christian Centre's account subject to their accountant confirming that the funds have been ring fenced within the Christian Centres accounting records and that the funds have been used solely for the purpose outlined in the grant application.
- The Clerk shared a letter from West Lancs Borough Council for noting that Parish Council elections are likely to take place in 2027.
- The Clerk highlighted that the Allotments Summer Show will take place on the 29th August 2026 at 1pm and that a strong Parish Council presence is encouraged.
- The Clerk confirmed Parish Council feedback on the Local Transport Plan had been submitted as agreed at the last meeting. The consultation period has now closed and a further response is awaited.

RESOLUTION No. 2026/07/02 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2026/07/03 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 30 June 2026 were reported as:

Receipts	
Hesketh Bank AFC additional rent	£308.75
Deposit Account Interest	£528.66
NatWest Bank Interest	£34.83
WLBC Concurrent Grant	£1,462.00
HB Bowling Club Lease Renewal Costs reimbursement	£490.00
HB AFC Club Lease Renewal Costs reimbursement	£490.00

Balances 30 June 2026

Current Account	£40,557.19
CCLA Deposit Account	£164,000.00
Total Liquid Funds	£204,557.19

Hesketh with Beconsall Community Fund Report

Funds Committed

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

Funds still to commit - £4,000.

RESOLUTION No. 2026/07/04 Carried unanimously, that the Best Kept Village competition is changed from an annual to a biennial competition with the change taking effect following conclusion of the 2026 competition.

RESOLUTION No 2026/07/05 Carried to support the request for funding provided by the Hesketh Bank Community Fund, from Hesketh Bank Cricket Club for £2,000 towards materials and for an extension to existing storage facilities. Proposed by Councillor Witter and seconded by Councillor Goodier – carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION No 2026/07/06 Carried that the Parish Council, as landlord, consent to a planning permission application for the erection of a 2 bay cricket net construction by Hesketh Bank Cricket Club on the cricket ground.

Adoption of Public Space & Play Area at Poppyfields.

Complaints regarding the area continue to be received.

Update from legal department at WLBC received confirming Morris Homes have been in contact with their Estates team – they will advise us of the outcome of this dialogue once available.

Their Clean & Green team have recently carried out an inspection of the site. Whilst they noted that some of the required work has been completed, a number of outstanding items remain, primarily relating to the cutting back and maintenance of the site boundaries. Revised details and cost estimates for this work are currently being prepared and will be shared with Morris Homes once finalised.

The Clerk has prepared a comprehensive letter to the Chief Executive of WLBC seeking a full report on current position and proposals to bring this long-running matter to a satisfactory conclusion. The Parish Council confirmed that this correspondence should now be sent.

Recreation and Play Area Reports

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

Items Received Since Agenda Publication

None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55pm

June 2026

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CREDITOR	WORK/SUPPLY	DELEGATED	PERIOD	STATUS	NETT	VAT	REF	Statutory Power
E-on	Pavillion Electricity (Jun)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£28.54	£1.43	DD	PHA 1936 S87
IONOS	Web hosting / email (Jun)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£71.47	£14.29	DD	LGA 1972 S137
Graham Crompton	Nett Salary Finance (Jun)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£1,211.72		E2143	LGA 1972 S151
Graham Crompton	Expenses (Jun)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£380.35		E2143	LGA 1972 S151
Ian Cropper	Nett Salary Finance (Jun)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£152.92		E2144	LGA 1972 S151
McDonald	Pavillion Cleaning (Jun)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£20.00		SO	PHA 1936 S87
HB Community Centre	Monthly PC Meeting(Jun)	Y	Expense	Paid	£15.00		E2132	LGA 1972 S12P23
Gallagher Insurance	Annual Ins Premium	Y	Expense	Paid	£3,164.74		E2139	LGA 1972 S137
Play Inspection Company	Annual Play Inspection Reports	Y	Expense	Paid	£289.50	£57.90	E2140	HAAA1890 S44
Banks Printers	Spring Newsletter	Y	Expense	Paid	£313.00		E2141	LGA 1972 S142
Parkinson	Comprehensive Grounds Mtce (Jun)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£2,048.00	£409.60	SO	PHA 1875 S164
Net West	Bank Charges	Y	Expense	Paid	£4.90		DD	LGA 1972 S137
Waterplus	Shore Rd Changing Rooms	Y	Expense	Paid	£51.07		E 2145	PHA 1936 S87
Ace Shelters	Shore Rd Bus Shelter Replacement	Y	Expense	Paid	£5,295.00	£1,059.00	E2142	LGA1953 S4

Total Expense

£13,056.21 £1,542.22

At the General Meeting of the Council on the 13th July 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
Chairman

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