



HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL **PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14th September 2026 at 7:00pm at Hesketh Bank Community Centre.

PRESENT

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

11 members of the general public were present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Councillor John Hunter

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 2026/09/01 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 13th July 2026 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Chairman Paul Sergeant declared an interest in agenda item 13.

PUBLIC FORUM

Representatives of residents who would be impacted by the recent Permission In Principle planning application for 9 houses on land on Station Rd. joined the meeting to express their concern about how the development will affect them should it go ahead. The Parish Council has already recorded their objection to the proposals in the strongest terms based on lack of infrastructure, impact on drainage and the likely increase in flooding risk which remains a key issue for the area. The matter is under consideration with WLBC at the moment with a decision expected over the next week or so.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report



FLOODING COMMITTEE REPORT

The next flooding meeting is scheduled to take place on the 23rd September 2026 – no further update in the meantime.

MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Tyson provided an update on the Shore Rd culvert repair work and completion of the water mains replacement work outstanding from his discussions with United Utilities.

Councillor Maughan highlighted the fact that the West Lancs Light Railway is only operating on limited opening hours currently.

CLERK'S REPORT

- **Newsletter update** –The Summer edition has been printed and will be distributed over the next few days..
- **Community Grant Scheme** - £6k of the £10k allocated funds have been distributed with a further grant for £2k agreed but not paid out yet.
- **Parish Council Elections** – the clerk has produced a paper setting out the current position regarding elections in light of government announcements last week. As things stand, Parish Council Elections will take place in 2028.
- **Horse Riding On The Henry Alty Way** – this is a public footpath owned by the Parish Council. Horses can damage the surface of the path and make it difficult for other users to navigate. Horse droppings can be unpleasant for pathway users and as such, signs may need to be put up along the footpath reminding people that horses shouldn't be ridden. An article will also feature in the Summer newsletter.
- **Dogs On Play Areas** – Dogs have been reported off leads on the Shore Rd play area. Signs will be put up specifically reminding the public that dogs are not allowed in these areas and will be procured within next year's budgets..

RESOLUTION No. 2026/09/02 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2026/09/03 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 July 2026 were reported as:

Receipts	
Hesketh Bank AFC additional rent	£308.75
Deposit Account Interest	£516.22
Deposit Account Interest	£28.33

The Council's liquid assets on the 31 August 2026 were reported as:

Receipts	
Hesketh Bank AFC additional rent	£308.75
Deposit Account Interest	£533.70
NatWest Bank Interest	£21.61

Balances 31 July 2026

Current Account	£33,271.69
CCLA Deposit Account	£164,000.00
Total Liquid Funds	£197,271.69

Balances 31 August 2026

Current Account	£29,392.65
CCLA Deposit Account	£164,000.00
Total Liquid Funds	£193,392.65

RESOLUTION No. 2026/09/04 Carried that the External Auditor's report for the Financial Year to 31st March 2026 was received and noted that this, being unqualified, does not require any action by the Council.

RESOLUTION No. 2026/09/05 Carried that all personal contact information for Parish Councillors will be removed from publications and the website on a phased basis to protect the personal safety of all concerned and in line with recent legislation.

RESOLUTION No 2026/09/06 Carried to support the request for funding provided by the Hesketh Bank Community Fund, from Hesketh Bank AFC for £2,000 towards the cost of sports equipment. Proposed by Councillor Witter and seconded by Councillor Goodier – carried unanimously. Agreed subject to sight and satisfaction of breakdown of equipment spend and evidence of acquisition.

Option of Public Space & Play Area at Poppyfields..

Full response from the Chief Executive of WLBC to the letter sent from the Parish Council is still awaited although a holding letter has been received. The President has confirmed he has received correspondence from Patrick Hurley MP's office confirming WLBC has a meeting arranged with Morris Homes to discuss the unsatisfactory position and await developments on both these matters.

Creation and Play Area Reports

Report received for:-
Core Road July & August 2026
Union Rd July & August 2026
Park July & August 2026

Items Received Since Agenda Publication

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The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05 pm

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Chairman

CREDITOR	WORK/SUPPLY	DELEGATED	PERIOD	STATUS	NETT	VAT	REF	Statutory Power
E-on	Pavilion Electricity (Jul)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£26.73	£1.34	DD	PHA 1936 S87
IONOS	Web hosting / email (Jul)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£71.47	£14.29	DD	LGA 1972 S137
Graham Crompton	Nett Salary Finance (Jul)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£1,211.72		E2149	LGA 1972 S151
Graham Crompton	Expenses (Jul)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£538.96		E2149	LGA 1972 S151
Ian Cropper	Nett Salary Finance (Jul)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£152.92		E2150	LGA 1972 S151
McDonald	Pavillion Cleaning (Jul)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£20.00		SO	PHA 1936 S87
HB Community Centre	Monthly PC Meeting (Jul)	Y	Expense	Paid	£15.00		E2146	LGA 1972 S12P23
Neil Leadbetter	Internal Audit Fee	Y	Expense	Paid	£200.00		E2147	PHA 1875 S164
HMRC	PAYE & NI	Y	Expense	Paid	£690.96		E2148	LGA 1972 S44
PEEP	HBPC Community Grant	Y	Expense	Paid	£2,000.00		E2154	LGA 1972 S137
Parkinson	Comprehensive Grounds Mice (Jul)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£2,048.00	£409.60	SO	PHA 1875 S164
Nat West	Bank Charges	Y	Expense	Paid	£10.45		DD	LGA 1972 S137
Parkinson	Shore Rd Changing Rooms Toilet Repair	Y	Expense	Paid	£140.00	£28.00	E 2151	PHA 1936 S87
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit Fee	Y	Expense	Paid	£420.00	£84.00	E2156	PHA 1875 S164
Parkinson	HAW Graffiti Removal	Y	Expense	Paid	£50.00	£10.00	E 2152	PHA 1936 S87
N Power	CCTV CSG	Y	Expense	Paid	£313.68	£15.68	DD	LGA 1972 S144
Ingleide Ent Sois	Newsletter Delivery	Y	Expense	Paid	£130.00	£26.00	E2155	LGA 1972 S142

Total Expense

£8,039.89

£588.91

At the General Meeting of the Council on the 14th September 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

Paul Sergeant

Authorised Signatory 2

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Paul Sergeant

August 2026

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WORK/SUPPLY	DELEGATED	PERIOD	STATUS	NETT	VAT	REF	Statutory Power
E-on		Monthly	Paid	£27.50	£1.38	DD	PHA 1936 S87
Graham Crompton	Y	Monthly	Paid	£1,211.72		E2161	LGA 1972 S151
Graham Crompton	Y	Monthly	Paid	£299.18		E2161	LGA 1972 S151
Ian Cropper	Y	Monthly	Paid	£152.92		E2160	LGA 1972 S151
McDonald	Y	Monthly	Paid	£20.00		SO	PHA 1936 S87
HB Community Centre	Y	Expense	Paid	£15.00		E2157	LGA 1972 S12P23
Banks Printers	Y	Expense	Paid	£313.00		E2159	LGA 1972 S142
Yates Playground	Y	Expense	Paid	£156.00	£31.20	E2158	PHA 1875 S164
Information Commissioners Office	Y	Expense	Paid	£47.00		DD	PHA 1875 S164
Parkinson	Y	Monthly	Paid	£2,048.00	£409.60	SO	PHA 1875 S164
Nat West	Y	Expense	Paid	£5.60		DD	LGA 1972 S137

Total Expense

£4,295.92 £442.18

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Authorised Signatory 2




