HESKETH-with-BECCONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12th October 2026 at 7:00pm at Hesketh Bank Community Centre.

PRESENT

Paul Sergeant (Chairman), Tim Barnacle, Ron Tyson, Joan Witter, Ian Eccles, Steve Kirby. Kate Maughan (Vice Chairman) and Norma Goodier

Graham Crompton, Parish Clerk

One member of the general public was present.

COUNCIL MEETING

APOLOGIES

Carol Andress, John Hunter & Samantha Townsend

MINUTES

RESOLUTION No. 2026/10/01 Carried that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 14th September 2026 are confirmed as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Stan Farington updated the meeting on developments from the Flooding Committee which was covered under agenda item 6.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

Chairman _____

FLOODING COMMITTEE REPORT

The last meeting of the Flooding Committee took place on-line on the 23 September 2026. It was suggested that legislation will pass through parliament over the next few months allowing creation of the long awaited IDB.

Sten Farington gained commitment that the ditch and the end of Dib Rd under the embankment would be looked at as water is not flowing from the area.

Next meeting will be on-line on the 20 January 2027 at 3 pm.

MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Tyson highlighted the fact that work had not started on repairing the damaged culverts and the relaying of water pipes was still on hold. The Clerk will chase United Utilities for an update. and escalate if required.

CLERK'S REPORT

- Suggested articles for the Autumn newsletter were shared with the Council.
- Funds from the Community Grant scheme have now been fully allocated for this financial year. Applicants will be asked to reapply from 1 April 2027 providing the Parish Council agree to continue the scheme in 2027/2028.
- The Clerk will send an e mail to LCC as landowner of the Henry Alty Way to seek confirmation of the definitive status of the whole route and whether a legal or permissive right exists to ride horses along the route.
- The Clerk updated the Council on the appeal decision to grant Permission In Principle for up to 4 dwelling houses on land to the rear of 137 Station Rd, Hesketh Bank.
- Details of the Remembrance Sunday Service were shared with the Parish Council. Lamp post Poppies will be put up on Station Rd, Shore Rd, Moss Lane and Chapel Raod.
- The Glen Park Play Area CCTV camera and SPID device on Shore Rd will be fixed over the next couple of weeks.
- WLBC advice CIL monies of £7,271 relating to the erection of 6 houses on The Green, Hesketh Bank, will be paid over forthcoming weeks.

RESOLUTION No. 2026/10/02 Carried that the Clerk's Report and actions are noted and ratified.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION No. 2026/10/03 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 September 2026 were reported as:

Receipts

Hesketh Bank AFC additional rent	**£308.75**
Deposit Account Interest	**£520.09**
Nat West Bank Interest	**£21.95**

Balances 30 September 2026

NatWest Current Account	**£23,711.06**
CCLA Deposit Account	**£164,000.00**
Total Liquid Funds	**£187,711.06**

RESOLUTION No. 2026/10/04 Carried that the Half-Year Out-Turn Report has been Received and Noted. Actual opening balance differs from budgeted opening balance by £687.09 due to an uncleared bank funds position which was also noted.

Poppyfields Update

Reply to e mail to Chief Executive of WLBC still awaited. Parish Clerk will chase again for a response.

Recreation and Play Area Reports

No reports received for any of the play areas due to inspecting councillor's absence from the meeting.

Items Received Since Agenda Publication

None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm

Chairman _____

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Sept 2026

Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council

CREDITOR	WORK/SUPPLY	DELEGATED	PERIOD	STATUS	NETT	VAT	REF		Statutory Power
E-on	Pavillion Electricity (Sep)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£27.46	£1.37	DD	PHA 1936	S87
IONOS	Web hosting / email (Sep)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£67.17	£13.43	DD	LGA 1972	S137
Graham Crompton	Nett Salary Finance (Sep)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£1,183.12		EFT 2164	LGA 1972	S151
Graham Crompton	Expenses (Sep)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£269.02		EFT 2164	LGA 1972	S151
Ian Cropper	Nett Salary Finance (Sep)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£152.92		EFT 2163	LGA 1972	S151
McDonald	Pavillion Cleaning (Sep)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£20.00		SO	PHA 1936	S87
Parkinson	Comprehensive Grounds Mtce (Sep)	Y	Monthly	Paid	£2,048.00	£409.60	SO	PHA 1875	S164
Hesketh Bank AFC	Community Grant	Y	Monthly	Paid	£2,000.00		EFT 2162	LGA 1972	S137
Banks Printers	Summer Newsletter	Y	Monthly	Paid	£324.00		EFT 2165	LGA 1972	S142

Total Expense **£6,091.69** **£424.40**

At the General Meeting of the Council on the 12th October 2026, a Resolution was passed ratifying the payments of the above completed transactions and authorising the acting Responsible Finance Offcer to electronically complete all the above remaining payments due.

Authorised Signatory 1 Paul Sergeant

Authorised Signatory 2 K Maughan