

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
MONK HESLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2017

Councillors Present: Cllr GM Crute (Chairman)
Cllrs: R Bowes Mrs L Davison, Mrs A Mason, K Stanley, N Thompson, P G Ward. O Deinali

mh17-18109 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All members were present

mh17-18110 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations of interest were received.

mh17-18111 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 23rd OCTOBER 2017**

A draft copy of the minutes for the above meetings had been issued with the agenda.

RESOLVED the minutes be approved, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

mh17-18112 **COUNCILLORS REPORTS OF THEIR ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS/EVENTS ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Councillor G Crute attended the Remembrance Sunday Service at Blackhall Welfare Park and Cllr R Bowes at the Service at Hesleden. Cllr Crute spoke of the high attendance at both events, from the public and surrounding schools and community groups.

The Chair also attended a meeting of the Blackhall Community Youth Group.

The Clerk and Chair attended General Data Protection Regulations training at Spennymoor.

RESOLVED the information be received and noted

mh17-18113 **POLICE REPORT**

No police report received at the time of the meeting.

mh17-18114 **MATTERS ARISING**

Play Area Leases (mh16-1727)

The leases relating to Dene Road, (Chicken's Green) & Front Street Hesleden have been signed by the Chairman and Clerk and returned to Durham County Council to be signed and sealed.

Heads of terms have been received for the lease at Station Road, Hesleden, annual rent £100 per annum, cost payable to Durham County Council are £620.

RESOLVED the information is received and **FURTHER RESOLVED** the heads of terms be approved for Station Road Hesleden.

mh17-18115

ENVIRONMENT REPORT

A copy of the environment committee progress report had been sent with the agenda and the Clerk provided a verbal update on a number of items:

Damage to fence at Chicken's Green, Blackhall Colliery the Clerk is liaising with Durham Police with regards to this matter and will keep members informed.

RESOLVED the information be received and noted

mh17-18116

EVENTS UPDATE

Blackhall Cricket Club Annual Family Fireworks

The event was well attended, it is intended to meet with members of the Cricket Club committee to review the event.

Remembrance Service at Blackhall Welfare Park

The Chair felt a change to the order of service is needed, this will be reviewed with partners in 2018.

RESOLVED the information be received and noted.

mh17-18117

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Schedule of Payments

A list of payments for the period 24th October 2017 to 30th November 2017 was issued with the agenda for information.

RESOLVED that the payments be received and approved.

British Legion Donation

The Clerk advised four wreaths had been purchased this year, two of which were passed to young people to lay at the Remembrance Service, total cost £80. The cornet player for Hesleden wished for any fee for his services be passed to the Royal British Legion.

RESOLVED a total donation of £100 including the cost of the wreaths be made to British Legion Poppy Appeal

LGA 1972 Expenditure Power S137

Royal British Legion £100

Tree Report

The Clerk highlighted the need for the Council to have a tree inspection regime and requested a budget of £1000 be put in place to meet the cost of engaging a suitably qualified person to carry out this function.

Budget Setting

Members were requested to contact the Clerk before the forthcoming budget meeting if they wished any matters to be considered.

RESOLVED the information be received and noted.

mh17-18118

REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT

A copy of the revised Code of Conduct was distributed to members for approval and adoption.

RESOLVED the revised Code of Conduct be received and adopted by the Council.

mh17-18119

PLANNING & CORRESPONDENCE REPORTS

Planning Applications received by Durham County Council

DM/17/03734/FPA Mr H Earle	2 Kipling Avenue Blackhall TS27 4NN	Detached Private Garage.
DM/17/032626/FPA Mr Collin Carberry	24 Hardwick Street Blackhall Colliery Hartlepool TS27 4LT	Single Storey rear extension and alteration to front window.

RESOLVED the Parish Council has no comment to make with regards to the above planning matters.

Correspondence

Thank you, card, received from Hesleden Methodist Chapel with regards to donation.
Letter received from Alice House updating the Council on the services they have delivered during the year.

Request for Financial Assistance from Blackhall Brownies& Guides, this will be added to the agenda for the December meeting.

Circulars & Bulletins

Council Budget 2018/19 Consultation
Campaign to Protect Rural England – North East Newsletter
East Durham Trust Autumn Newsletter

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED the next meeting will be held on Monday 4th December 2017 6pm at Blackhall Resource Centre, Blackhall.

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

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