

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
MONK HESLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 17th JUNE 2024**

Present Chairman: G M Crute
Councillors: R Bowes, A Childs, S Childs, O Deinali, S Deinali, K M Dingle, G Duddin,
A Mason, G Morris, N Thompson,

Officer L Wardle (Parish Clerk)
A Peace (Estates Manager)

mh24-2524 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor D Teasdale

RESOLVED apology received and accepted

mh24-2525 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillor S Deinali declared a Registerable Interest in item 13 as she is a member of the Durham County Council Central and East Durham planning committee.

RESOLVED the declarations are received and accepted

mh24-2526 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE
20th MAY 2024**

RESOLVED the above minutes be confirmed and approved as a true record

mh24-2527 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman welcomed a member of the public to the meeting, who was attending as an observer, with a view to becoming a member of the Parish Council.

No other members of the public were in attendance

mh24-2528 **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Goodwin had forwarded an email report for the period 20th May 2024 to 14th June 2024, a copy of which had been forwarded to members.

A member suggested that a request is made to Durham Police for a poster to be displayed in the villages advising members of the public on how to report a crime.

RESOLVED the report is received and noted and **FURTHER RESOLVED** the Clerk passes on the request for notices to PCSO Goodwin

mh24-2529 **MEMBERS REPORTS OF ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS/EVENTS ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Councillor Mason had attended the East Durham Association of Parish & Town Councils' AGM and gave a verbal report. A request was made for the Parish Council to host the next meeting at the council office on the 9th of September 2024.

Councillor Morris, together with the Clerk, attended a meeting with the planning consultant appointed by Durham County Council with regards to the planning appeal relating to the removal of the spoil heap at Hesleden, a verbal report was provided under item 11a.

RESOLVED the information was received and members thanked for their attendance
FURTHER RESOLVED approval is given to hosting the EDAPTC meeting free of charge

mh24-2530 **ESTATES MANAGER REPORT**

The Clerk had distributed the Estates Manager's report with the agenda and members were given the opportunity to ask questions with regards to the content.

Following the recent visit of the Welfare Park Project committee to the park, the Chairman commented on how well it is looking, and the improvements made over the past twelve months.

RESOLVED the report is received and Estates Manager is thanked for the information

The Estates Manager left the meeting

Councillor K Dingle entered the meeting

mh24-2531 **CLERK'S REPORT**

Purchase of flagpole & flag (mh2324141)

As requested, the Clerk provided details of a suitable flagpole and a Union Jack flag to be erected in the war memorial area in Blackhall Welfare Park for approval.

It was suggested consideration should be given to the purchase of a St. George's Day and a Durham County flag.

RESOLVED approval is given to the flagpole and the Union Jack flag and **FURTHER RESOLVED** prices are sought with regards to the other flags suggested

mh24-2532 **FINANCIAL**

a) To endorse invoices for payment

To endorse the following invoices for payment, including agreed direct debits and payroll.

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
03.06.24	Right Fuel Card	Fuel	£50.22
10.06.24	Co-Operative	BACS Fees	£7.68
10.06.24	Right Fuel Card	Fuel	£106.99
13.06.24	EE	Mobile Phones	£113.72
14.06.24	ITC	Mailbox Anti V New PC	£1098.48
15.06.24	Durham CC	Dog Bin/ Grass Cutting SLA	£768.59
15.06.24	Durham CC	Business Rates Council Off	£323.00
15.06.24	Durham CC	Business Rates Blackhall Cem	£236.00
15.06.24	Durham CC	Business Rates Hesleden Cem	£52.00
15.06.24	Durham CC	Trade Waste Blackhall Cemetery	£108.50
15.06.24	Durham CC	Trade Waste Welfare Park	£108.50
17.06.24	Right Fuel Card	Fuel	£127.39
18.06.24	Rickerby Ltd	Ransome parts	£93.45
18.06.24	Vitax Ltd	Rocker Switch	£7.14
18.06.24	Arquiva	Refund of lease pyt	£375.00
18.06.24	Spalding's Ltd	PPE/Machine Parts	£466.20
18.06.24	Durham CC	Payroll SLA	£931.85
18.06.24	Blackford's Nurseries	Topsoil/ Compost	£199.00
18.06.24	St Andrews Group	Donation	£500.00
18.06.24	Corona Energy	Gas Supply Office/C Rooms	£224.76
18.06.24	GNG Waste	Skip Hire	£324.00
18.06.24	Durham CC	HR Services SLA	£300.00
18.06.24	Krystal Cleaning	Cleaning	£539.76
18.06.24	JT Dove	Soldier Timber	£79.20
18.06.24	Affordable Landscapes	Grass cutting B/Hall cemetery	£1,248.00
18.06.24	HMRC LGPS	HMRC LGPS	£5,692.66
18.06.24	Amazon	Dog Signs	£11.97
24.06.24	Salary	Monthly Salaries	£10,397.96
24.06.24	Right Fuel Card	Fuel	£126.13
26.06.24	EDF	Electricity Council Office	£115.10
26.06.24	EDF	Electricity Welfare Park	£78.32
		Total	£22,328.62

b) To accept bank reconciliation @ 31st May 2024

The Clerk had distributed a bank reconciliation as of 31st May 2024 which showed combined bank balances of £635,708.74, Councillor O Deinali checked and signed the reconciliation.

RESOLVED the information is received and noted

c) Bank transfer

Transfer £30,000.00 from Co-operative Bank account to Barclays Bank to cover payments

RESOLVED the information is received and noted

mh24-2533

TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Libraries Outreach Team – Durham County Council

A request for financial assistance for £500.00 had been received and circulated to members for consideration.

RESOLVED that a donation of £500.00 be granted to Libraries Outreach Team

LGA 1972 S145 Libraries Outreach Team

Blackhall Women's Institute

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mh24-2534

PLANNING

Appeal against enforcement notice alleging breach of Planning Permission

DM/19/02315/VOCMV, former colliery spoil heap Hesleden (mh23-24132)

The Clerk advised this enforcement notice has been withdrawn by the planning authority, once an acceptable restoration plan has been received they will be serving a new enforcement notice.

RESOLVED the information is received and noted

Notification of Planning Appeal – DM/22/00010/MIN Former Colliery Spoil Heap, Hesleden, TS27 4PN continued extraction of colliery spoil heap including extraction, processing and export of combustible material, limestone and sand for a period of 10 years

The Clerk and Councillor Morris gave a verbal report of their meeting with the planning consultant appointed by the planning authority to represent them at the appeal hearing.

RESOLVED the Clerk submits comments to the Planning Inspectorate with regards to the appeal and **FURTHER RESOLVED** Councillor Crute is nominated to speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the appeal hearing

Durham County Council Planning Applications received.

DM/24/01301/FPA	Mr & Mrs L Scott Land adjacent to The Elms High Hesleden	Demolition of existing stable block and erection of purposed dwelling, with associated landscaping and site remedial works.
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RESOLVED the Parish Council has no comments to make with regards to the above applications

Durham County Council Planning Applications approved.

DM/24/00699/FPA	Mr N Armstrong 15 Station Rocks Blackhall Rocks Hartlepool TS27 4AR	Single Storey rear extension.
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RESOLVED the Parish Council has no comment to make with regard to the above application

mh24-2535

CORRESPONDENCE

Blackhall Air Training Cadets

Request received for a directional sign to be placed on the fence at Blackhall Welfare Park, Clerk confirmed this request has been approved

Dog fouling Hart Crescent play area

A complaint has been received of dog fouling this play area, a sign is in place however, a new larger one has been ordered to ask residents not to take dogs into the play area

Openreach Wayleave Request

A wayleave request has been received to install a pole, joint chamber/manhole with all associated wiring and cables, 18 metres of underground duct and cables adjacent to the existing mobile mast.

2 x thank you cards received thanking the Parish Council and staff for exceptional customer service

RESOLVED the information is received and **FURTHER RESOLVED** the wayleave request is approved

mh24-2536

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED the next meeting will be held on Monday 22nd July 2024 at 6pm in the Council Office, 68 Middle Street, Blackhall Colliery

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date