

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
MONK HESLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 17th APRIL 2023**

Councillor G M Crute (Chair)

Councillors: S Childs, L Davison, O Deinali, S Deinali, G Duddin, A Mason,
G Morris, N Thompson

Officer : L A Wardle (Parish Clerk)

A Peace (Estates Manager)

mh22-23147 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors' R Bowes, D Teasdale,
A Paterson

mh22-23148 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations were received

mh22-23149 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20th MARCH
2023**

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

mh22-23150 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present

mh22-23151 **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Goodwin had forwarded an email report for the period 20th March 2023 to
17th April 2023, a copy of which was distributed with the agenda.

RESOLVED the report is received and noted

mh22-23152 **MEMBERS REPORTS OF ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS/EVENTS ON
BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Crute attended the Easter "Tea & Chat" event at St. Andrew's Church
Hall where she was tasked with choosing the winner of the Easter bonnet
competition. The event was well attended and the council funding towards this
monthly event is a great benefit to residents.

Councillor Duddin had attended the Blackhall ATC meeting; he gave a detailed
report and confirmed a new commanding officer is yet to be appointed.

RESOLVED the information is received and councillors thanked for their
attendance and report

ESTATES MANAGER REPORT

The Chairman welcomed the Estates Manager to the meeting and congratulated him on his appointment.

The Estates Manager gave a brief update of work undertaken, it is a very busy time of year, preparing sports surfaces for the start of the new season, a high number of funerals during the last month. There have been no applicants for the temporary ground's maintenance operative, it was confirmed the two-weekly cut of Blackhall cemetery by the contract is a great help and ensures services and facilities are maintained to a high standard. A member of the team is undergoing training for burials and is doing extremely well, the apprentice is making a positive contribution and is working well with the team.

RESOLVED the information is received and noted and **FURTHER RESOLVED** the council looks to employing a further apprentice in early 2024

The Chairman thanked the Manager for a very good and positive report and the Estates Manager left the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising

FINANCIALa) To endorse invoices for payment

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

Date	Payee	Description	Chq/DD/ IB	Amount
01.04.23	T Sherriff	SISI	IB	£13,301.60
01.04.23	NWG	Water C Office	DD	£113.86
01.04.23	JRB	Dog Bags	IB	£1,780.56
03.04.23	Right Fuel Card	Fuel	DD	£57.04
06.04.23	A Peace	Reimbursement PPE	IB	£117.93
06.04.23	FREEAR Safety	EPC	IB	£50.00
06.04.23	GNG Waste	Skip Cem	IB	£276.00
06.04.23	Gorilla Workwear	Staff Uniform	IB	£116.55
06.04.23	Krystal Cleaning	Cleaning	IB	£622.80
06.04.23	Origin	Fert Weed Killer	IB	£523.20
06.04.23	Charles Dickens	Sander PPE	IB	£213.50
06.04.23	Pear	Renewals Maps	IB	£240.00
06.04.23	Turfcare	Pesticide Line Marker	IB	£325.20
06.04.23	Zurich	Insurance Renewal	IB	£7,242.01
06.04.23	DCC	HR SLA	IB	£322.50
10.04.23	Right Fuel Card	Fuel	DD	£49.78
13.04.23	EE	Mobile Phones	DD	£109.19

14.04.23	ITC	Domain Hosting Anti V	DD	£573.47
15.04.23	DCC	B Rates Cem BH	DD	£213.20
15.04.23	DCC	B Rates Cem HC	DD	£51.64
15.04.23	DCC	B Rates C Office	DD	£297.12
15.04.23	DCC	Play Inspection	DD	£1,120.91
15.04.23	DCC	Health Safety	DD	£171.54
18.04.23	Dove	Timber	IB	£18.00
18.04.23	CDALC	Annual Sub	IB	£766.31
18.04.23	Durham Turf	Turf	IB	£95.00
18.04.23	JT Dove	Timber Sand Bowls	IB	£76.74
18.04.23	DCC	Redundancy	IB	£1,521.71
18.04.23	G Robinsons	Materials	IB	£218.50
18.04.23	Gorilla Workwear	Sweaters	IB	£30.05
18.04.23	DCC	HMRC LGPS	IB	£7,095.11
21.04.23	EDF	Elec Xmas Tree	DD	£61.06
30.04.23	Mastercopy	Copies	DD	£113.74
			TOTAL	£37,885.82

RESOLVED the information is received and approved

b) Bank reconciliation @31st March 2023

The Clerk had distributed a bank reconciliation as of 31st March 2023 which showed combined bank balances of £476,358.50

RESOLVED the information is received and noted

c) To receive income & expenditure @ 31st March 2023

A copy of the above report had been forwarded with the agenda for consideration by members.

The Clerk advised no budget overspends and it is anticipated the final expenditure will be below the agreed figure.

RESOLVED the information is received and noted

d) To approve Durham County Council Service Level Agreement Durham grounds maintenance/dog bins emptying 2023/24

The Clerk confirmed a 5% increase, together with the additional cost of the emptying of the new bin at Hesleden Cemetery of £246.50.

Grass cutting	£2731.39
Dog bin emptying	
17 x weekly	£4588.47

RESOLVED the service level agreement is approved

PLANNING

DM/22/00010/MIN continued restoration of Hesleden Colliery spoil heap (min ref mh22-2360)

The Clerk had distributed an up-to-date report with agenda for this application.

After much discussion **RESOLVED** the following comments are made **and FURTHER RESOLVED** the planning officer is advised the Parish Council wishes to speak at the planning committee meeting which will determine this application.

Reference to National Planning Policy Framework policies 2,6,8 & 17

The Occupiers' Liability Act 1984 imposes a duty on occupiers to take reasonable care for the safety of trespassers in respect of any risk of their suffering injury by reason of any danger due to the state of the premises or to things done or omitted to be done on them.

It should be noted the boundary fence to the quarry which runs parallel to the Hart to Haswell Walkway is temporary Harris fencing, some of which is missing in places.

Reference to Durham County Plan- Core Principles Promoting Healthy Communities 5.308 & 5.311

Hesleden is a deprived community, and such communities are acknowledged as being disproportionately affected by health problems.

The continuation of quarrying within the community extends the impacts of quarrying (especially in terms of noise, dust, and air quality) to the detriment of the amenity and well-being of residents contrary to the 'Promoting individual well-being' goal as set out in part 1 of the Care Act 2014.

Hesleden General Health Statistics

The respondents of the 2011 Census were asked to rate their health. These are the results for Hesleden. The percentage of residents in Hesleden rating their health as 'very good' is less than the national average. Also, the percentage of residents in Hesleden rating their health as 'very bad' is more than the national average, suggesting that the health of the residents of Hesleden is generally worse than in the average person in England.

Reference also to policies 21, 25 & 31

Reference to County Durham Minerals Local Plan policies

M3,M38,M42,M43,M45,M46,M47,M52

DM/23/00656/FPA
Bishop Chadwick
Catholic Educational
Trust

St Joseph's Primary
School
Coast Road
Blackhall Colliery
TS27 4HE

Single storey extension
and canopy to northwest
facing elevation

RESOLVED the Council has no comment to make with regards to application DM/23/00656/FPA

mh22-23157 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter – Hedgehog R Us re purchase of Hedgehog Highways equipment

RESOLVED the information is received and noted

mh22-23158 **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 22nd May 2023 following the Annual Assembly meeting which commences at 6pm in the council office 68 Middle Street, Blackhall Colliery

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date