

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
MONK HESLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 23rd OCTOBER 2023**

Councillor G M Crute (Chair)

Councillors: R Bowes, L Davison, O Deinali, S Deinali, G Duddin, A Mason,
A Paterson, N Thompson

Officer : L A Wardle (Parish Clerk)

A Peace (Estates Manager)

mh23-2458 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors' S Childs, G Morris,
D Teasdale

mh23-2459 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillor S Deinali declared a Registerable Interest in 11b

mh23-2460 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 23rd
SEPTEMBER 2023**

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

mh23-2461 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present

mh23-2462 **TO CONSIDER THE CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR**

Members considered an application from Mr K M Dingle to be co-opted onto the
Parish Council.

RESOLVED Mr K M Dingle is co-opted onto the Parish Council and **FURTHER
RESOLVED** the Clerk informs Durham County Council of the appointment

mh23-2463 **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Goodwin had forwarded an email report for the period 21st September 2023 to
20th October 2023, a copy of which had been forwarded to members.

RESOLVED the report is received and noted

mh23-2464 **MEMBERS REPORTS OF ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS/EVENTS ON BEHALF OF
THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Councillor Duddin had attended the Blackhall ATC meeting and gave a report with
regards to the squadron's membership and successful funding bids. A member of the
squadron had expressed an interest in playing the at the Hesleden Remembrance
Service, the Clerk has made contact with no response to date, Councillor Duddin is to
follow up.

Councillor S Deinali provided an update following her attendance at a meeting with Hesleden residents, Durham Police, and planning officers to discuss the next steps with regards to the Hesleden Colliery Spoil Heap.

RESOLVED members were thanked for their reports and for attending the meetings

mh23-2465 **ESTATES MANAGER REPORT**

A detailed report for the period September to October had been forwarded with the agenda and members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

RESOLVED the information is received and noted

mh23-2466 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported the following

Stolen footpath drain at Chicken's Green - this has been replaced
 Damage to basket swing at Hesleden play area- this has been repaired
 Meeting with pupils from all three primary schools to seek their views on improving council play areas has been arranged

RESOLVED the information is received and noted

mh23-2467

FINANCIAL

a) 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
02.10.23	Right Fuel Card	Fuel	DD	£120.36
03.10.23	NWG Wave	Water C Office	DD	£120.95
09.10.23	Right Fuel Card	Fuel	DD	£98.12
10.10.23	Blackford's Nurseries	Bedding Plants	DC	£73.00
12.10.23	Affordable Landscapes	Grass Cuts	IB	£1,152.00
12.10.23	Haswell Catering Service	Remembrance Sunday	IB	£560.00
12.10.23	JT Dove Ltd	Timber	IB	£107.18
12.10.23	Krystal Cleaning	Cleaning	IB	£498.36
12.10.23	MH Goals Ltd	Goal Posts	IB	£3,096.00
12.10.23	Origin	Fungicide	IB	£150.90
12.10.23	Premier Traffic	Road Closure Signs	IB	£151.20
12.10.23	The Print Factory	Circle Occasion Signs	IB	£561.60
12.10.23	Steadfast	CCTV C Rooms	IB	£374.40

13.10.23	EE	Mobile Phones	DD	£105.56
15.10.23	DCC	Bus Rates Hes Cem	DD	£54.00
15.10.23	DCC	Trade Waste Bhall Cem	DD	£105.34
15.10.23	DCC	Trade Waste W Park	DD	£105.34
15.10.23	DCC	Bus Rates C Office	DD	£293.00
15.10.23	DCC	Health & Safety SLA	DD	£171.54
15.10.23	DCC	Grass CUTS Dog Bins	DD	£1,097.98
16.10.23	ITC Service	Anti Virus Mailbox	DD	£76.67
16.10.23	Firework Crazy	Fireworks	IB	£800.00
17.10.23	Sedgfield Race Course	Staff Xmas event	IB	£105.50
18.10.23	DCC	HMRC LGPS	IB	£4,720.98
18.10.23	Chapmans Plumbing	Gas Certs	IB	£1,660.00
18.10.23	Turfcare	Purity Soil	IB	£748.80
19.10.23	EON	Elec Xmas Tree	DD	£54.10
19.10.23	Travis Perkins	Gutter replacement	DC	£24.13
23.10.23	Right Fuel Card	Fuel	DD	£136.22
24.10.23	DCC	Salaries	IB	£9,058.46
24.10.23	EDF	Elec W Park	DD	£199.48
25.10.23	Babble	TV/ Broadband	DD	£76.51
30.10.23	EDF	Elec Changing Rooms	DD	£514.54
30.10.23	EDF	Elec Council Office	DD	£267.45
30.10.23	Right Fuel Card	Fuel	DD	£60.17
30.10.23	W D Moore	Audit	IB	£250.00
30.10.23	Glasdon	Bin C/Green	IB	£287.63
30.10.23	Emmerson Marketing	Artwork	IB	£108.00
30.10.23	Blackhall Bowls	Grant	IB	£470.00
30.10.23	Hesleden Residents Assoc	Grant	IB	£60.00
31.10.23	EDF	Elec Xmas Tree	DD	£24.64
				£28,700.11

RESOLVED the information is received and approved

b) Review of BAC's limits

Financial regulation 6.8 requires the Council to approval the use of BACS/CHAPS every two years, the Clerk confirmed this payment is used for salaries.

RESOLVED approval is given to the continued use of the BACS Facility

- c) Payment received from the Hesleden Restoration Fund
A payment of £1476.20 was made to the Parish Council on 11th October 2023, there remains an outstanding balance of £3524.00

RESOLVED the information is received and noted

mh23-
2468

TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- a) Blackhall Bowls Club (mh23-2468)

As requested, a detailed breakdown of the previous request had been received and forwarded with the agenda

RESOLVED a payment of £470.00 be approved

LGA 1976 S19
Blackhall Bowls Club

Councillor S Deinali declared a Registerable Interest in this item and did not vote on the matter

- b) The Hesledens Residents Association

A request for funding towards the planned children's Christmas parties in Hesleden had been distributed with the agenda

RESOLVED a total payment of £90.00 be approved

LGA 1972 S145
The Hesledens Residents Association

mh23-2469

PLANNING

Durham County Council Planning Applications received

DM/23/02924/LB Mr P Garner	Hesleden Hall Farm Monk Hesleden TS27 4QB	Removal of existing garden shed and replacement with purpose-built garden room
DM/23/03030/CEU ELG Planning	Pony World, Blackhall Rocks TS27 4BL	Application for a lawful development certificate for existing lawful use of the building as a café (use class E)

Durham County Council Planning Applications approved under delegated authority

DM/23/01971/FPA Mr Paul Dulai	34a Middle Street Blackhall Colliery TS27 4EA	Change of use from flat to retail shop stock room
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RESOLVED the Parish Council has no comment to make with regards to the applications received

The following items were circulated for information:

- Durham County Council - review of polling districts and polling places
- CDALC – appointment of President
- Durham Police & Crime Commissioner – confirmation Parish Council’s concerns re shoplifting is escalated to the Chief Constable
- E-mail Grahame Morris MP re his response to Durham County Council’s proposed car parking charges at Crimdon Dene, Seaham and East Shore Village

- E-mail Grahame Morris MP regarding resident request for installation of junior goal posts at Chicken’s Green

RESOLVED the information is received and **FURTHER RESOLVED** the Parish Council submits its objection to the proposed car parking charges at Crimdon Dene

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th November 2023 at 6pm in the council office 68 Middle Street, Blackhall Colliery

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date