

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
MONK HESLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 19th JUNE 2023**

Councillor G M Crute (Chair)

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

Officer : L A Wardle (Parish Clerk)

A Peace (Estates Manager)

mh23-2424 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors' R Bowes, S Deinali, D Teasdale

mh23-2425 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillor G Duddin declared a registerable interest in item 14a, request for financial assistance from St Andrews Neighbourhood Outreach Group, as he holds a position on the management committee.

Councillor A Mason declared a non-registerable interest in item 14a, request for financial assistance from St Andrews Neighbourhood Outreach Group as she attends the events provided by the group.

Councillors' G M Crute and O Deinali declared a registerable interest in item 14b, request for financial assistance from Blackhall Banner Group, as they hold a position on the management committee.

Councillor A Paterson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 14c, request for financial assistance from Blackhall Community Association, as she is an employee of the association

mh23-2426 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 22nd of MAY 2023**

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

mh23-2427 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present

mh23-2428 **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Goodwin had forwarded an email report for the period 15th May 2023 to 16th June 2023, a copy of which was distributed with the agenda.

RESOLVED the report is received and noted

mh23-2429

MEMBERS REPORTS OF ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS/EVENTS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

Councillors' Crute & Mason attended the AGM of the East Durham Association Parish & Town Councils.

Councillor Crute attended cheque presentations with St. Andrews Outreach Neighbourhood Group & Friends of Blackhall Library.

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

mh23-2430

ESTATES MANAGER REPORT

A comprehensive report was submitted by the Estates Manager and distributed with the agenda it included concerns about Blackhall Cemetery and the need for refurbishment and replacement of seats.

After discussion it was agreed the Estates Manager and Clerk prepare and present a plan, together with costings, to undertake the works needed at Blackhall Cemetery.

RESOLVED the information is received and noted

mh23-2431

TO CONSIDER BANNING E-SCOOTERS IN BLACKHALL WELFARE PARK

A recommendation was made to ban e-scooters in Blackhall Welfare Park, youngsters are riding around the park at high speeds and there are concerns for the health and safety of all visitors and users.

It is currently illegal in the UK to use a privately owned electric scooter on public roads, pavements, or cycle lanes. Electric scooters can only be legally used on private land with the permission of the landowner.

RESOLVED the banning of e-scooters in Blackhall Welfare Park and **FURTHER RESOLVED** suitable signs are purchased and displayed at the entrances to the park

mh23-2432

BLACKHALL CRICKET CLUB

A request has been received from the club to assist in the cost of hiring a skip for them to clear out their old equipment and rubbish from the cricket scoreboard.

RESOLVED as a gesture of goodwill approval is given for the Council to meet the full cost of the skip hire

An application has been received for the club to hold a fund raising family fun day on the cricket field on Saturday 19th August 2023.

After much discussion it was **RESOLVED** the Clerk & Estates Manager meet with the organisers to discuss the application further and bring back to a future meeting.

MATTERS ARISINGTemp TV mast (mh21-22127)

Notification of removal of mast early/mid-June

Hesleden Cemetery water tap (mh22-2345)

It is anticipated the water supply will be re-connected on 22nd June 2023

Boundary Commission review (mh23-2317)

Resolved to respond to consultation suggesting the name of the proposed ward is named Blackhalls & Hesledens ward rather than Monk Hesleden as this will be more recognisable to residents

Police Crime Commissioner invite (mh23-2411)

Clerk requested to invite the Commissioner to the next meeting to be held on 18th September 2023

Durham Miners Gala (mh23-2420)

The Clerk had distributed a new graphic with the agenda for approval by members

Business plan (mh19-2105)

The plan is in need of updating to include refurbishment of Blackhall Cemetery, play areas and Blackhall Welfare Park

Application for hire of sporting facilities

A template was distributed together with suggested hire fees- football £50 and cricket £100 for approval by members.

RESOLVED information received and noted and **FURTHER RESOLVED** form and fees approved

GAZETTE UPDATE

The gazette has not been produced since before the Covid pandemic and therefore quotes have been secured for the creation and printing of 3000 copies. It was also suggested rather than distribute to every household in the parish, which in the past has not been very successful, it should be left at key locations for residents to collect.

RESOLVED approval is given to the previous contractor at a total cost of £645.00 and **FURTHER RESOLVED** a list of suitable outlets is identified for distribution

TO REVIEW LEASE FOR FOOTBALL FIELD STATION ROAD HESLEDEN
(mh23-2416)

The Clerk confirmed Durham County Council require six months' notice to terminate the lease for this area.

RESOLVED Durham County Council are given six months' notice to terminate the lease for the football field Station Road, Hesleden with immediate effect.

TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Councillor G Duddin declared a registerable interest and Councillor A Mason declared a non-registerable interest in relation to the following item and left the meeting

St. Andrews Neighbourhood Outreach Group

A request for assistance for £250.00 had been received and circulated to members for consideration.

RESOLVED that a donation of £50.00 be granted to Neighbourhood Outreach Group

LG Misc. Prov 1976 s19
Neighbourhood Outreach Group

Councillors' Duddin & Mason returned to the meeting

Councillors' G M Crute and O Deinali declared a registerable interest in the following item and left the meeting

Blackhall Banner Group

A request for assistance for £300.00 had been received and circulated to members for consideration.

RESOLVED that a donation of £300.00 be granted to Blackhall Banner Group G

LGA 1972 s145
Blackhall Banner Group

Councillors' Crute & Deinali returned to the meeting

Councillor Paterson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the following item and left the meeting

Blackhall Community Association

A request for assistance for £250.00 had been received and circulated to members for consideration.

RESOLVED that a donation of £250.00 be granted to Blackhall Community Association

LGA 1972 s145
Blackhall Community Association

Councillor Paterson returned to the meeting

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
05.06.23	Right Fuel Card	Fuel	DD	£121.66
09.06.23	BACS	Fees	IB	£7.82
12.06.23	Right Fuel Card	Fuel	DD	£164.75
12.06.23	Connectec	Hi Look DVR	DC	£56.76
13.06.23	EE	Mobile Phones	DD	£105.56
15.06.23	ITC	Anti-Virus /Soft Ware	DD	£76.67
15.06.23	DCC	Bus Rate Hes Cem	DD	£54.00
15.06.23	DCC	Bus Rate B/hall Cem	DD	£215.00
15.06.23	DCC	Bus Rate 68 Middle	DD	£293.00
15.06.23	DCC	SLA Health Safety	DD	£171.54
15.06.23	NTE	Telephones	DD	£76.38
18.06.23	DCC	HMRC/LGPS	IB	£4,252.48
19.06.23	Right Fuel Card	Fuel	DD	£93.62
20.06.23	Affordable Landscapes	Grass Cutting	IB	£2,780.00
20.06.23	A1 Trophies	Signs	IB	£144.00
20.06.23	DCC	SLA Payroll	IB	£978.73
20.06.23	Durham Miners Gala	Advert	IB	£200.00
20.06.23	Friends of Library	Donation	IB	£500.00
20.06.23	Hesleden Residents Assoc	Donation	IB	£300.00
20.06.23	JT Dove	Concrete	IB	£73.20
20.06.23	KCS	Cleaning	IB	£498.24
20.06.23	Lloyd Ltd	Machine Parts	IB	£185.66
20.06.23	Origin	Weedkiller	IB	£354.90
20.06.23	Rickerby	Hedge Trimmer	IB	£492.00
20.06.23	St Andrews Outreach Group	Donation	IB	£500.00
20.06.23	Pearts	Fencing	IB	£1,674.00
20.06.23	Spaldings	Rakes	IB	£95.86
20.06.23	Tocsin	Alarm Maint	IB	£166.15
21.06.23	EON	Cemetery Elec	DD	£54.10
22.06.23	EDF	Elec W PARK	DD	£137.88
22.06.23	Wave	Water Welfare	IB	£211.81
22.06.23	Wave	Water C Rooms	IB	£90.55
22.06.23	Steadfast	Installation CCTV	IB	£2,442.46
22.06.23	Allett	New Blade	IB	£117.18
22.06.23	Print Factory	New Sign	IB	£343.20
23.06.23	DCC	Monthly Wages	IB	£9,447.21
28.06.23	Mastercopy	Photocopier	DD	£233.74
29.06.23	SSE	Elec Pit Wheel	DD	£26.50
29.06.23	EDF	Elec C Rooms	DD	£523.06
29.06.23	EDF	Elec C office	DD	£272.08
			TOTAL	£28,531.75

RESOLVED the information is received and approved

b) Bank reconciliation @ 31st May 2023

The Clerk had distributed a bank reconciliation as of 31st May 2023 which showed combined bank balances of £601,695.89

RESOLVED the information is received and noted

mh23-2439

PLANNING

No applications received

mh23-2440

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS

Rights of Way Improvement Plan

The Clerk had forwarded details of this consultation via e-mail for comment

RESOLVED the Council has no comments to make with regards to this consultation

mh23-2441

CORRESPONDENCE

The following items were circulated for information:

Alice House Hospice – update

Invitation to a thanksgiving and celebratory reception to recognise Community Champions at St Andrews Church Blackhall on 16th August 2023 – members were requested to RSVP personally

CDALC AGM nominations

RESOLVED the information is received and noted and **FURTHER RESOLVED** the Parish Council supports the current CDALC executive members for re-election at the next AGM

mh23-2442

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 24th July 2023 at 6pm in the council office 68 Middle Street, Blackhall Colliery

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date