

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
MONK HESLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 4th DECEMBER 2023**

Present: Councillor G M Crute (Chair)
Councillors: R Bowes, S Childs, L Davison, O Deinali, S Deinali, K M Dingle
G Duddin, A Mason, D Teasdale, N Thompson

Officer: Mrs L A Wardle (Parish Clerk)

mh23-2483 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor G Morris

RESOLVED apologies are received and accepted

mh23-2484 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillor S Childs declared a non-registerable personal interest in item 5 as the applicant is his spouse.

mh23-2485 **TO AGREE BUDGET 2024-25**

A detailed report had been distributed with the agenda, showing the proposed budget for 2022-25 together with the summary of requirements.

The Clerk advised of an increase in estimated expenditure due to the recent burst water pipes at Blackhall Welfare Park

RESOLVED the information is received and the budget for 2024-25 is approved

mh23-2486 **TO DETERMINE THE PARISH PRECEPT 2024-25**

The report had been distributed by the Clerk prior to the meeting, the details of which were discussed, and members questions were answered

RESOLVED to set 2024-25 precept at £306,687.87 which equates to an increase of 1.99% to Band D Council Tax

mh23-2487 **TO APPROVE DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO CLERK- DECEMBER PAYMENTS**

The Clerk requested delegated authority to make payments which fall due before the next meeting to be held 22nd January 2024

RESOLVED the Clerk be given approval to make all necessary payments

mh23-2488

TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR CO-OPTION

COUNCILLOR S CHILDS DECLARED A NON-REGISTERABLE PERSONAL INTEREST AND LEFT THE ROOM

Members considered an application from A H Childs to be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

RESOLVED A H Childs is co-opted onto the Parish Council and **FURTHER RESOLVED** the Clerk informs Durham County Council of the appointment

mh23-2489

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 22nd January 2024 at the Council Office.

RESOLVED that the information be received

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date