

# HECK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HECK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 6:30 pm in Heck Parish Rooms

Chair: Cllr Julie Harling

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Present: J Lumb, J Harling, G Mycroft, and B Coney

Clerk/RFO – JR Hunter

## Agenda items

### 072301. Welcome

- The Vice Chair welcomed councillors to the meeting.

### 072302. Apologies

- Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Laura Watkinson-Teo. All other councillors were present.

### 072303. Public Forum:

- There being no members of the public present at the meeting the Chair closed the public forum.

### 072304. Minutes of last meeting:

- The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the Heck Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 as a true record and gave approval to the Chair to sign as acceptance of the minutes for publishing on the Heck Parish Council website.

**Action:** The minutes to be signed by the Chair as evidence of acceptance.

### 072305. To receive reports, for information only, from:

- a) County Councillor – the County Councillor did not attend the meeting.
- b) Other representatives – there were no other representatives in attendance.

### 072306. Planning:

- Applications – the following planning applications recently lodged with North Yorkshire Planning were reviewed assessing the potential impact on the Heck Parish community:

**ZG22024/0077/OUT.** Outline application for erection of stable block with associated facilities and horse arena (all matters reserved). The Clerk advised that an objection on behalf of the

Parish Council had been lodged based on the issues raised by residents local to the proposed development. These being highway safety concerns, negative impact on public amenity and destruction of historical architectural features. Councillors discussed the outline application noting the various comments and concluded that the progress of the application should be monitored with further representations being made when appropriate.

**ZG2023/1226/FULM**, The development of a facility to park lorries to the north of Green Lane adjacent to the existing Plasmor operations at Heck Works. Land North of Green Lane, Heck. Councillors extensively discussed a Planning Application related to a lorry park. The clerk confirmed an expression of concern had been lodged on behalf of the Parish Council to the planning authority specifically in connection with traffic flow and the current capacity of the road network in the village to accommodate additional HGV's. Also, the classification of the proposed land that is currently registered as Agricultural Land being within the Green Belt. Finally, uncertainties regarding the purpose and scope of the lorry park with the potential that it will be made available for general use. A request had been made that should the application be scheduled for consideration by the Planning Committee the Parish Council be informed so that formal representations can be lodged at this meeting.

**Action:** Clerk to monitor the progress of the application through the various planning stages.

**Mill Baulk Quarry:** The Clerk advised that an approach to officers of Mill Baulk Quarries has been made inviting them to engage with the Parish Council to share details of plans and objectives in relation to the development of a concrete plant on their site.

**Action:** Clerk to monitor for a response from Mill Baulk Quarry to the Parish Council's request for engagement and constructive dialogue.

**Sellite Blocks Ltd, erection of foamed glass manufacturing facility.** The Clerk and Councillors deliberated on the status of the height of the waste mounds at the glass manufacturing site. It was noted that addressing the specific issue without visual evidence was challenging. In response, councillors proposed an alternative approach. Instead of lodging a specific complaint, it was suggested that the clerk write to the operational directors, reminding them of the planning consent conditions and their responsibility to meticulously regulate the height of waste heaps on the premises.

#### **072307. Heck Ladies Group:**

Cllr Harling reported on decisions and planned activities of the Heck Ladies Group.

- The most recent group meeting was cancelled due to constraints of members availability to attend. The forthcoming meeting scheduled for early April will focus on planning community events for the Spring and Summer seasons. Encouraging news was shared regarding the reopening of the village public house under new management. The new landlords have expressed enthusiasm for collaboration with the local community groups and offering facilities in support of future events.

- Cllr Harling proposed that the D-Day 80 celebration event may be organised in partnership with Hensall Events Committee. It was suggested that the lighting of the beacon be carried out in collaboration between Hensall and Heck Village, fostering a joint commemoration of the occasion.

**072308. RFO's report on closing balances, receipts, and payments:**

a) Current balances: The RFO presented the report on the current financial position and status of the Heck Parish Council. Accounts for the financial period up to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were presented for review. Income receipts to date were £7,519 primarily from the receipt of the first and second tranche of the precept in April & October 2023. Total expenditure is £6,283.87 including payments to be approved at the meeting leaving a balance of funds at the bank of £6,795.86.

b) Payments to be made at this meeting:

06/03/2024 – Clerks Salary Sept to Oct	£230.40
06/03/2024 - HMRC PAYE Sept to Oct	£57.60
06/03/2024 – Clerks Salary Nov to Dec	£230.40
06/03/2024 - HMRC PAYE Nov to Dec	£57.60
06/03/2024 – Clerks Salary Jan to Feb	£230.40
06/03/2024 - HMRC PAYE Jan to Feb	£57.60

c) Payments made between meetings:

03/02/2024 – Bank charges	£8.00
28/02/2024 – Scottish water	£12.95
20/02/2024 – British Gas	£28.56

The retrospective payments were approved by the Council.

d) Payments received:

e) Rental Receipts: 30/01/2024 Denise Holmes £100.00

f) Acceptance of report – the Council resolved to accept the details of the report and make the payments listed above including any received since publication of the agenda.

g) Cllr Coney provided an update on the establishment of the online banking facility with HSBC bank. All the necessary documentation to set up the facility has been lodged with the bank and we are awaiting the completion of the security validation process for authorised signatories.

**072309. Correspondence received since last meeting. *For information only unless stated otherwise.***

a) An email from the North Yorkshire Council Development Manager advising of proposed traffic calming on Heck and Pollington Lane. The deployment will be subject to developer funding but if approved will involve the location of speed cushions, signing and lining to help control vehicle speeds along the Lane. Noted

- b) Cllr Mycroft provided updates on notifications to North Yorkshire Council regarding several public access and highways concerns. These included, excessive vegetation obstructing the path outside the Memorial Gardens, the illegal installation of fencing across the public pathway on Booty Lane, and a request for the painting of 30mph roundels on Heck and Pollington Lane.

**Action:** Clerk to follow up on these matters by contacting North Yorkshire Highways Area 7 to request specific completion dates for the required work.

- c) An email for a potential developer of a piece of land on Moor Lane enquiring about the likelihood of the acceptance of planning permission for a 2-bed house / cottage.

**Action:** Clerk to seek additional information regarding the location of the land. However, it was emphasised that the Parish Council are unable to provide any commentary on the prospect of the success of any planning application.

**072310. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:**

***072310.1 - Environmental Health Issues and concerns in the Parish–***

Councillors deliberated on the probable source of the occasional odour permeating the village, speculating on the biodigester at CG Bayston and Son in Pollington. Concerns were raised regarding the operators' alleged practice of depositing slurry onto land adjacent to the Yorkshire Water borehole into the aquifer situated nearby.

**Action:** Clerk to advise Yorkshire Water of the potential illegal practice.

***072310.2 – HGV movements -***

There were no matters to report regarding HGV's of general vehicle movements.

**072311. Action taken since last meeting.**

There was nothing further to report. Outstanding action to be followed through was as follows:

- a) Councillors raised concerns about flooding issues on the Main Street beyond the Bay Horse Public House in the village. They noted that recent engineering works by Aptus Engineering acting for Thomas Armstrong, had filled in the roadside gullies intended to facilitate the natural flow of surface water into the drainage system. Consequently, following extended periods of rainfall the main roads in the area experience excessive flooding.

**072312. Councillors' Forum:**

- a. There were no further comments from Councillors.

**072313. Items for the next agenda**

Any items for the next agenda should be forwarded to the Clerk.

**072314. To receive further comments from members of public.** *Information only clerk to note comments – no MOPs present.*

**072315. To confirm date, time and place of next meeting. – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 starting at 6:30 pm in the Parish Rooms.**

**072316. Closure of meeting at 8: 00 pm**

Signed: *J R Hunter.* Clerk and RFO to Heck Parish Council