

# HECK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HECK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2024 at 6:30 pm in Heck Parish Rooms

Chair: Cllr Julie Harling

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

Clerk/RFO – JR Hunter

## Agenda items

### 042401. Welcome

- The Chair welcomed councillors to the meeting.

### 042402. Apologies

- Apologies for absence were received from Cllr L Watkinson-Teo.

### 042403. Public Forum:

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

### 042404. Minutes of last meeting:

- Cllr Harling pointed out that in section 042406 Planning it was observed when commenting on the planning application **ZG22024/0077/OUT** that the work undertaken on the site was the levelling of the groundworks and not the demolition of the footbridge. Subject to this amendment the Council resolved to accept the minutes of the Heck Parish Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 as a true record and gave approval to the Vice Chair to sign as acceptance of the minutes for publishing on the Heck Parish Council website.

**Action:** The minutes to be amended and presented to the Vice Chair for signature.

### 042405. 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.

#### 042406. Planning:

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

There have been no planning applications submitted since July 2024.

**Mill Balk Quarry:** Cllr Harling provided an update on an onsite meeting with representatives from the Ashcourt Group regarding the Mill Balk Quarry development. The Ashcourt team assured the council that there are no plans to install a cement manufacturing facility on the site. Instead, the project will focus on extracting sand reserves in a phased approach, progressing through five stages. In stages 1 and 2, sand will be quarried to a depth of 3 meters, followed by subsequent phases, each restoring the land to its natural state upon completion.

The Ashcourt Group committed to strict control over HGV movements, allowing only one vehicle to enter or exit the site at any given time. Designated laybys will be created outside the facility to accommodate waiting lorries, preventing multiple vehicles from departing simultaneously. Ashcourt will also implement a reporting system for non-compliant drivers, and wheel wash stations will be installed at the site exit to help manage dust and maintain air quality.

**Darrington Quarries.** Cllr Harling and the Clerk reported on a recent meeting with representatives from Darrington Quarries to review plans for developing their quarry site at the junction of Long Lane and Broach Lane. Detailed drawings were presented, outlining the layout and logistical plan for the approximately 17-hectare site, which is expected to yield 1,250 metric tonnes of material over a 14-year period, divided into five phases.

The development will start with Phase 1, during which topsoil will be stripped and stored in bunds. After extraction in each phase, the land will be backfilled with imported material, with the same process repeated for each subsequent phase. The site will also include a compound area equipped with wheel wash facilities, bowsers, a weighbridge, and administrative offices. HGV traffic is projected at 28 vehicles per day, operating from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and half-day operations on Saturdays.

#### 042407. Heck Ladies Group:

Cllr Harling provided an update on the recent activities and decisions of the Heck Ladies Group:

1. **Community Litter Pick:** A litter pick event was organized, attracting strong community participation and resulting in the collection of 37 bags of rubbish. Notable issues included extensive fly-tipping, with items such as widescreen TVs and bollards abandoned along roadsides, particularly at the entrance to the Boat Yard by the Fisherman's Car Park. The need for additional waste bins on Canal Trust land was highlighted. Significant litter was also reported on Mill Balk at the village entrance, and waste bins at the playground remain unemptied by North Yorkshire Council's waste department.
2. **Bay Horse Inn Collaboration:** New landlords at the Bay Horse Inn have expressed interest in collaborating with the Heck Ladies Group on community events. Weekly quiz nights will resume, with sessions scheduled every Thursday. Additionally, future Heck Ladies Group meetings will be held at the pub.

3. **Halloween Event:** The group will organize a Halloween event for the community.

4. **Garden Bulb Planting:** Plans were made to plant bulbs in the gardens around the Parish Room.

**042408. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2024 were presented for review. Income receipts to date were £4,554 from the receipt of the first tranche of the precept, £100 rental from Denise Holmes and £250 from the hire of the room for the General Election. Total expenditure is £2,479.74 including payments to be approved at the meeting, leaving a balance of funds at the bank of £8,790.02.

b) Payments to be made at this meeting:

04/09/2024	Clerks Salary Month 4 2024/25	£115.20
04/09/2024 -	HMRC PAYE Month 4 2024/25	£28.80
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c) Payments made between meetings:

01/05/2024	Scottish Water	£21.30
04/05/2024	Bank charges	£8.00
20/05/2024	British Gas	£24.38
18/06/2024	British Gas	£30.68
01/06/2024	Scottish Water	£12.95
01/07/2024	Scottish Water	£21.30
04/07/2024	Bank charges	£8.00
19/07/2024	British Gas	£24.05
01/08/2024	Scottish Water	£21.30
04/08/2024	Bank charges	£8.00
19/08/2024	British Gas	£31.30
02/09/2024	Scottish Water	£8.00
03/09/2024	Bank charges	£8.00

The retrospective payments were approved by the Council.

d) Payments received:

e) Rental Receipts:

- a. 31/07/2024 Denise Holmes £100.00
- b. 2/08/2024 North Yorkshire C £250.00

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.

**042409. Correspondence received since last meeting.** *For information only unless stated otherwise.*

- a) A letter from Brocklesby Building Products Ltd enquiring into the ownership of the strip of land located between Green Lane and Brocklesby Building Products off Long Lane. Subject to ownership confirmation, Brocklesby expressed interest in purchasing the land at a commercial rate.

**042410. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:**

**042410.1 - Environmental Health Issues and concerns in the Parish—**

There were no further matters in connection with environmental health issues to discuss during the meeting.

**042410.2 – HGV movements -**

Although there has been little increase in the volume of HGV's in the village, given the potential of increased activity from the Quarry Development and issues of debris observed falling from lorries travelling through the village, Councillors reflected on strategies to monitor vehicle movements. The potential of accessing information of vehicle movements, utilizing applications such as the Red Zone Tracking Systems, was discussed.

**042411. Action taken since last meeting.**

- The clerk shared a response from the North Yorkshire Council Public Rights of Way Officer following concerns about the erection of a fence across the public pathway on Booty Lane. The PROW officer attended the location and measured the width of access for the public and concluded, with a 1.5 metre of remaining space, there is sufficient width of footpath. No further action is proposed, and consequently their file has been closed.
- The Clerk advised of correspondence with Eskern Renewables concerning the presence of nails on the road along Long Lane dropped from lorries travelling to and from their site. A response is still awaited.

**042412. Councillors' Forum:**

1. Councillors raised concerns about the overgrown grass and pathways in the memorial gardens, noting that the vegetation requires maintenance.

**Action:** Clerk to contact National Railways to request they attend to the management of the grass and pathways in the gardens

**042413. Items for the next agenda**

**042414. To receive further comments from members of public.** *Information only clerk to note comments – no MOPs present.*

**042415. To confirm date, time and place of next meeting. – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024 starting at 6:30 pm in the Parish Rooms.**

**042416. Closure of meeting at 8: 00 pm**

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