

HECK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HECK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th January 2025 at 18:30 hrs in
HECK PARISH ROOM

Chair: Cllr Laura Watkinson-Teo

Present: Cllrs L Watkinson-Teo (Chair); J Lumb; G Mycroft; B Coney
Apologies: Cllr J Harling; Clerk/RFO – JR Hunter

062401. Welcome

- The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

062402. Apologies

- Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Harling.

062403. Public Forum:

- To receive comments from electors on any agenda items. *Information only; Chair to take notes in the absence of Clerk. No members of the public were present*

062404. Minutes of last meeting:

- All agreed except **052409**: Cllr Watkinson-Teo advised the meeting that a reminder for ownership of the Parish Room was requested by the Valuation Officer – Deadline 24th December or the Parish Council will be charged an initial penalty of £100. **Clerk/RFO** communicated to Chair via email dated 19th December 2024 that he has provided the necessary information to the Valuation Officer online. However, he was unable to trace when the Parish Rooms were first occupied by the Parish Council.

062405. To receive reports, for information only, from:

- a) District and County Councillor – not present

062406. Planning:

- **Thomas Armstrong**: Cllr Lumb advised that there has been minimal activity on site in the last months and he will continue to monitor the situation. **Action: Cllr J Lumb**
- **Proposed Pollington Quarry Excavation and Extraction of Waste and Potential Development of 74 Dwellings**: Cllr Watkinson-Teo has written to MP, Keir Mather about this proposal and invited him to a site visit. It was agreed that Heck Parish Council object strongly to the Traffic Management Recommendation that all traffic be directed to Great Heck, North Yorkshire to safeguard East Riding Residents. We are seeking support from our MP and County Councillor on this matter. **Action: Clerk/RFO** to formally object to East Riding about the Traffic Management Recommendation directing all traffic to Great Heck in North Yorkshire. HGVs must use the appropriate route as necessary. **Deadline: 23rd January 2025.**

062407. RFO's report on closing balances; receipts, and payments;

- **Finance and payments**: To be updated by Clerk/RFO at the next meeting
- **Online Banking**: Only Cllr Coney has access to the online banking. Cllr Watkinson-Teo requested that at least 2 other Councillors be given access to view the account. **Action: Cllr Coney**

- **Precept:** All agreed to a 5% increase.

062408. Action taken since last meeting.

Brocklesby's interest in Council land: Cllr Watkinson-Teo contacted the District Valuation Office regarding Brocklesby's offer to purchase the land. Quote provided for Land Valuation for an initial valuation with inspection, but no negotiation is estimated at up-to £1500 + VAT. All agreed that the Parish will not be able to afford and the site land appears to be for a low quality storage land. All agreed for Clerk/RFO to check with Brocklesby regarding their offer price and Brocklesby to pay all fees including conveyancing for the sale of land. **Action: Clerk/RFO**

- **Children's playground:** It was agreed that the Councillors will consult residents with options to offer free or sale to villagers or to scrap merchants to remove. (This is my suggestion after the meeting. I will get initial quote for repairs).

062409. Councillors' Forum:

- **Heck Parish Website:** Concerns were raised that Heck Parish Council no longer have a Parish Council website. Cllr Watkinson-Teo advised that the person who created and hosted our website domain is no longer available. During the pandemic, no invoices were received and payments lapsed. The web individual is no longer contactable. **Action: Clerk/RFO** to find source for another individual to undertake the task.
- **Draft Meeting of Future Parish Meetings:** It was noted that the draft minutes of the last few meetings were sent a week before next meetings. The Councillors did not receive minutes of the last meeting on 5th November 2024 until Friday, 3rd January 2025 at 16:49 hrs leaving it too late for any actions to be carried out before our meeting on 7th January 2025. All agreed that this is too late and unacceptable. All Councillors formally request that future draft minutes must be sent to all Councillors within 2 weeks after the meeting in order for follow up actions to be undertaken prior to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk/RFO**
- **Lane to Bungalow to be registered as Public Right of Way:** Residents raised concerns that a "Private Road" Sign was screwed over the 10MPH Signpost on lane to the canal. This lane has been used by local communities, walkers and fishermen for many years. However, it is not listed as a public right of way or footpath. **Action: Clerk/RFO** to register the lane as public right of way or public footpath.
- **Street Lights:** LP19 and LP26 are still out of action. **Action: Clerk/RFO** to contact NYCC to obtain a quote for repair or replacement. It was suggested that funds from the sale of the land to Brocklesby can be used to replace the streetlights.
- **Parish Room Ownership:** It was agreed that Cllr Lumb will contact past Councillor or Clerk, Mary Hirons or Mary Farman to see if they know where the title deed of the Parish Room is. Cllr Watkinson-Teo will try Land Registrar using Title Number NYK54411 for the cluster of land around the Parish Room. **Action: Cllrs Watkinson-Teo and Lumb**

062410. To confirm date, time and place of next meetings: 4th March, 6th May, 1st July, 2nd September and 4th November 2025

062411. Closure of meeting – the meeting closed at 19:15 hrs.