

HECK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HECK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 6:45 pm in Heck Parish Rooms

Chair: Cllr Laura Watkinson-Teo

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Present: L Watkinson-Teo, J Lumb, J Harling, G Mycroft, and B Coney
Clerk/RFO – JR Hunter

Agenda items

022401. Welcome

- The Chair welcomed councillors to the meeting.

022402. Apologies

- All councillors were present.

022403. Public Forum:

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

022404. Minutes of last meeting:

- The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the Heck Parish Council meeting held on 5th March 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 signed by the Vice Chair as evidence of acceptance.

022405. 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.

022406. Planning:

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

ZG2023/1274/CTD, Great Heck Brewing Co Ltd, Rosebank Cottage Main Street, prior notification for the change of use from business to dwelling. Noted with no comments.

ZG2024/0128/CPE, Prospect House, Main Street, Great Heck, lawful development certificate for existing use of garage to be operated as ATM Engineering (rally care painting and repairs. Objections have been lodged by residents neighbouring the facility on grounds of noise from vehicles, fumes arising from of the spraying activities and the issues of fire risk. It was noted that the site had been inspected by environmental health officers who expressed no reservations. Councillors note the comments received but recognised that the garage has operated from the location for several years and therefore have no objections to the application.

ZG2024/0077/OUT. Outline application for erection of stable block with associated facilities and horse arena (all matters reserved). The Clerk advised that except for further objections to the proposed development there has been no more progress. The clerk also explained that an interest in the application by Heck Parish Council has been lodged with the planning department with a specific request of notification of dates if the application is being presented for consideration at Planning Committee.

Mill Baulk Quarry: The Clerk advised that Oliver Craven a representative of Ashcroft / Mill Balk Quarries has made an approach offering to engage with the Parish Council to provide details of plans for the site and explain development proposals.

Action: Clerk to communicate Oliver to arrange a date, time and location for an onsite meeting with members of the Parish Council and community to provide information and answer questions in connection with the future of Mill Balk Quarries.

Councillors discussed the issue of the timing of the publication of planning applications and the deadline for the submission of objections. On several occasions planning notices have been displayed with deadlines for objections sent within a week of the first posting of the notice.

Action: Clerk to seek clarification for North Yorkshire Planning Department of the planning protocol and the specification of deadlines for the receipt of planning objections.

Councillors raised questions concerning the operation and ownership of the plot of land at the junction of the A645 and Green Lane north of the M62 Motorway. It appears that the site is being used for the storage of scaffolding equipment and although there is no evidence of development activity on the site that would warrant planning permission there are clear signs of a commercial operation on what was agricultural land.

Action: Clerk to notify North Yorkshire Council Planning of the apparent commercial operation on the site.

Councillors commented on intelligence circulating in the community of the intentions of Darrington Quarries to expand the area of their activities into an adjacent plot of land.

Action: Clerk to enquire with head office of Darrington Quarries to clarify their proposals.

022407. Heck Ladies Group:

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

- The group were encouraged by the commitment expressed by the tenants of the Bay Horse Inn who are keen to support activities and events in the village. Given the level of welcome from the proprietors of the pub Heck Ladies will resume their regular monthly meeting at the Bay Horse.
- Events schedule for the forthcoming year, that will be promoted by fliers distributed through the village, posted on the notice board, and posted on social media pages, are:
 - D Day 80 event held in conjunction with Hensall with the ceremonial lighting of the beacon and a quiz night hosted in the Bay Horse Inn
 - Wright Fest at August Bank holiday
 - Party in the Park at a date in the Summer to be arranged.
 - Halloween Party at the Bay Horse Inn
- 50% of all proceeds from the various events will be donated to the "Help the Heros" Charity

022408. 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 7th May 2024 were presented for review. Income receipts to date were £3,850 from the receipt of the first tranche of the precept and £100 rental from Denise Holmes. Total expenditure is £409.38 including payments to be approved at the meeting leaving a balance of funds at the bank of £10,156.38.

- b) Payments to be made at this meeting:

07/05/2024 – Clerks Salary Month 1 2024/25	£115.20
07/05/2024 - HMRC PAYE Month 1 2024/25	£28.80

- c) Payments made between meetings:

03/04/2024 – Bank charges	£8.00
07/05/2024 – British Gas	£27.30
19/04/2024 – North Yorkshire Council Tax	£230.08

The retrospective payments were approved by the Council.

- d) Payments received: 23/04/2024 North Yorkshire Council Precept £3,750.00
- 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) The clerk presented a renewal quote from Zurich for the annual insurance amounting to £1.167.45. It was agreed that competitive quotes be sought prior to final approval.
- h) Cllr Coney advised that the banking facility with HSBC bank has been established granting Cllr Coney authority to effect online payments. Following the successful approval of the online facility registration will be completed to grant all parish councillors remote access to inspect bank statements.
- i) It was resolved that Heck Parish Council is exempt from external audit for the year 2023/24 as the annual turnover and expenditure does not exceed £25,000. Carried unanimously.

Action: Certificate of exemption to be signed by the Chair and Responsible Finance Officer and a copy published on the Heck Parish Council website.

022409. Correspondence received since last meeting. *For information only unless stated otherwise.*

- a) An email from the project manager of Core Special Projects Earthworks Remediation Infrastructure providing details of planned highways works within the local area on A645 / A19 s278 Highway Improvements.
- b) An email from North Yorkshire Council providing notice of the commencement of the Call for Sites consultation in preparation for the preparation of the new Local Plan.
- c) An email from Area 7 Selby providing web links to some useful online resources that offer information on various aspects of Highways Management including, Road Closures, Grass Cutting, Collision Data, Safety Camera Van and Speed Report Data.
- d) An email from the Office of Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner advising of changes in the roles and responsibilities of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners.

022410.To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:

022410.1 - Environmental Health Issues and concerns in the Parish–

Councillors discussed the state of the waste bins located in the car park of Parish Rooms. It was agreed that the bins would be emptied of their contents and then removed from the site.

022410.2 – HGV movements -

There were no matters to report regarding HGV's however, cars speeding through the village during periods of the early morning commute and school run presents a serious hazard to pedestrians.

Action: Clerk to engage with North Yorkshire County Cllr John McCartney to seek his advice and support in making an application for the installation of speed signs on Main Street.

022411. Action taken since last meeting.

Outstanding action to be followed through was as follows:

- a) Councillors requested that an update is sought from Aptus Engineering regarding concerns about the nature and quality of the works that had undertaken on behalf of Thomas Armstrong.
- b) Councillors enquired into the response from North Yorkshire concerning the illegal erection of a fence on Booty Lane impeding public access to the Right of Way. In the absence of any notice of any remedial measures from the Office of the Public Rights of Way Department of North Yorkshire Council it was agreed that further requests be made to prompt action.

Action: Clerk to request an update from North Yorkshire Council and seek support and advice from North Yorkshire Councillor John McCartney.

022412. Councillors' Forum:

- a. There were no further comments from Councillors.

022413. Items for the next agenda

Councillors considered that an invitation be extended to North Yorkshire County Councillor John McCartney to update the Parish Council comment on issues and concerns relevant to the community.

022414. To receive further comments from members of public. *Information only clerk to note comments – no MOPs present.*

022415. To confirm date, time and place of next meeting. – Tuesday 2nd July 2024 starting at 6:30 pm in the Parish Rooms.

022416. Closure of meeting at 8: 15 pm

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

