

HECK PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Inquorate Meeting held on 6th January 2026 at 18:30 hrs in HECK PARISH ROOM

Chair: Cllr J Harling

Clerk/RFO: Mr J R Hunter, 4 Grove Park, Calder Grove, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF4 3BZ

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Present: Cllrs J Harling (Chair); B Coney (Vice Chair)

Clerk/RFO: J R Hunter

Agenda items

062501. Welcome

- As the meeting was inquorate with only two councillors, no formal meeting of the council could be held in accordance with Schedule 12, Paragraph 39(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. No decisions could be made, and no binding business transacted.
- The Councillors present held an informal discussion on the following matters for the purpose of information sharing.

062502. Items discussed

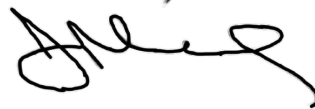
- The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th November 2025 were noted as being accurate except for the fact that Councillor Wood was absent from the meeting. The draft was corrected with the amendment initialled and signed by the Chair.
- Recent planning applications were considered being ZG2025/1045/TPO, Holyrood House, Main Street, Great Heck. Fell 2 Horse Chestnut trees (T1 and T2) protected by TPO 3/1977. The application was noted with no comments.
- The ongoing issue of Seras Lorries transporting wood chip through the village with the consequent breaches in timing and road safety was discussed. The offer of an onsite meeting with Keir Mather MP was noted with the difficulty of scheduling a suitable date and time. The alternative of arranging a virtual online meeting with the MP was tabled. This would provide the opportunity to share concerns and locations perhaps supported by photographic evidence of the road debris. **Action:** Clerk to explore the possibility of a Microsoft Teams meeting with the constituency office of Keir Mather MP.
- The clerk share payment requests covering the clerk's salary and associated PAYE for the month of November & December 2025 being a net salary of £115.20 and PAYE of £28.80 for each of the months in question. In addition, the clerk presented a reimbursement request covering the cost of website hosting by IONOS for 10 months to December 2025 at a cost of £3.60 for 6 months rising to £6.00 for 4 months a total cost of £45.60.
- The clerk tabled an estimate of annual parish expenditure for the forthcoming financial year from 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2027 at a total cost of £10,000. The clerk presented a summary of the consequential impact on the Heck Parish portion of the Council Tax if the Heck Precept were set at £10,000. This would represent a 25% increase in local council tax which equates to a financial increase in the band D equivalent

of £20.77 for the whole year. The band D tax would therefore rise to £103.87 from £83.10 for the year. It was agreed that the precept request should be £10,000. **Action:** The Clerk to submit a precept request for £10,000 to cover the annual costs of the Heck Parish Council for the 2026/27 year.

- The Clerk referenced information received from a campaign group seeking to lobby North Yorkshire Council to escalate road safety measures with the authorities Highways with the introduction of the installation of fixed speed cameras throughout the county's road network.
- The dumping of rubbish and building waste on the property that originally operated as a craft Brewery and more recently was sold with planning permission to convert the building back to a 4-bedroom house. It was noted that the debris has subsequently been removed however the state of the site will continue to be monitored.
- A resident from Heck expressing concern of the absence of road salt in the bin located near the Bay Horse Inn. The issue of the risk of cars skidding on the iced road surfaces was highlighted. It was noted this bin is now full of salt the only remaining issue being the need for volunteers to undertake salt spreading during winter months. It was suggested that a notice be posted onto the local Facebook pages in consultation with Laura Teo-Watkinson.
- It was noted replacement batteries are needed for the defibrillator located at the Parish Rooms.

062512. To confirm date, time and place of next meetings: 3rd March 2026.

062513. Closure of meeting – the meeting closed at 19:15 hrs.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Teo', is written over the text of item 062513.