

HECK PARISH COUNCIL

Heck Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd March 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), Cllr Smales, Cllr Wood

Clerk/RFO: J R Hunter

Agenda items

072501. Welcome: The chair welcomed all councillors to the meeting.

072502. Apologies for absence: It was noted that Cllr Hutchinson has been absent from parish council meetings for a period of over 6 months. Under the terms of the Local Government Act 1972 Cllr Hutchinson is disqualified from continued occupancy of the role as Councillor in Heck Parish Council. **Action:** Clerk to advise Cllr Hutchinson of the disqualification and his position on the council is therefore terminated.

Potential replacement councillors were discussed, and it was agreed that Cllr Harling an alternative candidate.

072503. Public Forum: There were no members of the public present at the meeting

072504. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the inquorate meeting held on 3rd March 2026 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

Action: The minutes to be signed by the Chair and a copy posted onto the website of Heck Parish Council.

072505. To receive reports, for information only, from:

- a) District and County Councillor: Not present

072506. Planning:

There were no planning matters relevant to Heck Parish to discuss at the meeting.

072507. RFO's report on closing balances, payments:

- a) Current balances: The RFO presented the report on the current financial position and status of Heck Parish Council. Accounts for the financial period to 3rd March 2026 were presented for review. Total Income including precept receipts are £8,493.00 that compares with expenditure to date of £7,789.22, generating a balance of funds of £11,075.81.

b) Payments to be made at the meeting:

Date	Chq No	Payee	Amount
06/01/2026	BACS	Clerk salary Month 08 2025/26	115.20
06/01/2025	BACS	HMRC – PAYE Month 08 2025/26	28.80
06/01/2025	BACS	Clerk salary Month 09 2025/26	115.20
06/01/2026	BACS	HMRC – PAYE Month 09 2025/26	28.80
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04/03/2026	BACS	NYC – footway light maintenance 2023/24	679.87
04/03/2026	BACS	NYC – footway lighting 2024/26	2,190.89
04/03/2026	BACS	NYC – footway lighting maintenance 2024/25	766.18

c) Payments made between meetings:

Date	Chq No	Payee	Amount
03/11/2025	BACS	Scottish Water	24.88
18/11/2025	BACS	British Gas	27.83
01/12/2025	BACS	Scottish Water	24.88
18/12/2025	BACS	British Gas	27.20
01/01/2026	BACS	Scottish Water	24.88
06/01/2026	BACS	IONOS – website hosting	45.60
18/01/2026	BACS	British Gas	27.83
01/02/2026	BACS	Scottish Water	24.88
18/02/2026	BACS	British Gas	28.90
01/03/2026	BACS	Scottish Water	24.88
18/03/2026	BACS	British Gas	25.14

d) Rental Receipts:

07/11/2025 India Barlow – The Mount	£75.00
31/01/2026 Denise Holmes	£100.00

07208. Correspondence received since last meeting.

- An email from Gill Mycroft advising of constant flooding outside Bridge Farm, Springdale and Lochnagar with a request that the matter be reported by Hack Parish Council to North Yorkshire Council. It was noted that a report has been lodged with North Yorkshire Council with action awaiting.
- An email from Northern Powergrid offering to arrange a virtual team with members of Parish Councillors in the region to engage with the community and discuss the recent outages, concerns raised as a result and actions taken. Noted with no desire to attend such a meeting but with an interest in being kept informed of the outcome of such engagement with feedback.
- An email from Gill Mycroft providing an update on the status of the pads and battery units for the Defibrillator. It was noted the units were replaced in November 2025 with an expiry date of November 2029.

072509. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further actions where necessary:

072509.1 Environmental Health Issues and concerns in the Parish: Cllr Harling commented on fly tipping incidents within the village, black bin liners deposited by the side of the road, 5-gallon oil tanks and building materials. The issue was reported to North Yorkshire Council with images of the offending waste officers from which attended and removed the debris from the verges. Since which time further fly tipping of rubber tyres has occurred. It was noted the only action that can practically be taken is to continue to report incidents to North Yorkshire Council. It was noted a litter picking exercise is to be organised within the village during early spring.

072509.2 HGV & Traffic Issues: The clerk reported on the launch by North Yorkshire Council for the installation of fixed speed cameras at locations throughout the County. This initiative lead by the Deputy Chair of NYC is a fully funded and will provide monitoring equipment that will be deployed at key areas of risk across the region.

Councillors discussed the status of the incidents of wood chips and debris being shed onto the highway from HGV vehicles passing through the village. Since the matter was raised with the highways department there has been no further sightings of debris on the roads.

072509.3 Playground: Councillors considered the arrangement for the dismantling of the playground equipment from the current site and will be held in storage until an appropriate time to sell the metal for maximum scrap value.

Councillors discussed plans for the replacement and installation of a new play area contrasting the two potential locations the preferred being by the Bay Horse the other at the existing site. It was recognised that North Yorkshire Planning department would require detailed investigation into the suitability of each location including the assessment of flood risk and tests on the integrity and contamination of the underlying soil. The initial stage of the project will be the conduct of an inspection and provision of a site survey by a professional surveyor.

072509.4 Dog Walk Plot It was noted that notwithstanding the progress made on the potential lease of the existing playground area for provision as a dog walking plot given the possibility that the land will be repurposed as a play area the finalisation of lease arrangement has been postponed. All parties have been informed on the situation and are content to await conclusions following the planned surveys.

072509.5 Sale of Council Land the Clerk advised preliminary consultations with potential solicitors to act for the Parish Council concerning the sale of the land has been initiated. Brocklesby's team has been informed and updated on the progress.

072510. Councillors' Forum: There were no additional matters to discuss

072511. Confirm date and time of next meeting as 4th May 2026.

072515. Closure of meeting – the meeting closed at 19:33 hrs.