

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE MONK HESLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 21st February 2011

Councillors Present: W B Underwood (Chair), D Carr (Vice-chair), B Bates, G M Crute, G Holmes, W McDonald, S Peacock, K Stanley, J Turnbull, D Wort.

Robin Newlove (Messrs Scott Wilson) and Andrew Cracknell (Eden Transport) attended the meeting to speak about alterations to the initial proposed outline planning application at High Hesleden.

Members discussed the amendments.

Mr Newlove and Mr Cracknell thanked members for their time and then left the meeting.

mh10-1209 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors' T Ball, W Cartwright, D Crowley and S McDonald.

mh10-1210 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations of interest.

mh10-1211 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24th January 2011**

Copies of the minutes of the above meeting were circulated to each member before the meeting.

RESOLVED the minutes of the above meeting be approved, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

mh10-1212 **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Goodwin attended the meeting and read out the crime statistics report for the area.

RESOLVED the information be noted and received and **FURTHER RESOLVED** PCSO Goodwin be thanked for attending the meeting and his report.

PSCO Goodwin left the meeting.

mh10-1213 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Clerk gave a verbal update on the following issues:

East Durham Rail Station (mh10-1200)

A full response to the queries raised about the siting of the proposed rail station has been received from Durham County Council; this was made available for members to read.

The Black Path

A seat has now been installed at the location requested.

The Seagull (mh10-1201)

Enforcement Notice is to be issued if no further action taken by landowner.

Training

Durham County Council - training for councillors.

Grazing Land Auctions

Matter still not resolved but negotiations are continuing.

Coronation Avenue (mh10-1204)

No progress to report, the Clerk will continue to press for a response.

RESOLVED the information be noted and received and **FURTHER RESOLVED** the Clerk will organise a suitable date for the Councillors training session.

mh10-1214

COUNTY COUNCILLORS

The Clerk gave a verbal update on the issues currently being dealt with by County Councillors.

RESOLVED the information be noted and received.

mh10-1215

COUNCILLORS REPORTS OF THEIR ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS/EVENTS ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk and Councillors Crute and Underwood attended the Larger Councils Forum on 11th February 2011.

Councillors Underwood and Carr attended the East Durham Trust meeting on 16th February 2011.

RESOLVED members thanked for representing the Parish Council at the above.

mh10-1216

REVIEW OF THE PARISH RISK REGISTER

A copy of the Parish Council's Risk Register was distributed to members with the agenda, together with detailed action plan to address the main risks identified

RESOLVED that the Risk Register and action plan be received and approved

RESOLVED the action plan be approved.

mh10-1217

FINANCIAL MATTERS

A copy of the schedule of payments for the period 25th January to 21st February 2011 was issued to members with the agenda.

RESOLVED the payments for the above period be approved.

A summary of income and expenditure for the current year was distributed with the agenda .

RESOLVED the summary be received and noted.

A copy of the bank reconciliation as at 31st January 2011 was issued to members with the agenda.

RESOLVED the bank reconciliation be approved.

Review of the effectiveness of the Council's Internal Audit process

A copy of the above review had been issued to members with the agenda; the following points were discussed and considered:

1. Scope of internal audit
2. Independence of auditor
3. Competence of auditor
4. Relationships
5. Planning and Reporting

RESOLVED the information be received and approved

mh10-1218

REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Hesleden residents have approached the Parish Council requesting sponsorship for their second 'Hesleden in Bloom' competition.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that a donation of £50 be awarded for prizes.

LGA 1972 Expenditure Power S145
Hesleden in Bloom Garden Competition £50

Requests for financial assistance were also received from Blackhall Community Centre and Great North Air Ambulance with further applications from Butterwick Hospice and Blackhall Youth Band pending.

In view of the limited funds remaining for the current financial year, it was **RESOLVED** to defer the requests for consideration at the next meeting.

mh10-1219

PROPOSED HOSPITAL AT WYNYARD

Members discussed this issue at length.

RESOLVED the Clerk will write to MP and PCT with a letter of support to keep the hospital at Hartlepool open.

mh10-1220

PLANNING MATTERS

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

February 2011

PL/5/2011/0032 8 Wall mounted CCTV cameras at 2 Crimdon House Farm, Coast Road, Blackhall, TS27 3AA for Mr L Collingwood.
(Retrospective) (Resubmission).

PL/5/2011/0033 8 Wall mounted CCTV cameras (Listed building consent) at

2 Crimdon House Farm, Coast Road, Blackhall, TS27 3AA for Mr L Collingwood. (Retrospective) (Resubmission).

PL/5/2011/0018 Bathroom extension at 4 Milton Avenue, Blackhall TS27 4NW for Mr C Turner.

PL/5/2011/0003 Front conservatory at 34 Front Street, Blackhall, TS27 4JE (resubmission) for Mrs M Callen.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

PL/5/2010/0472 External chimney and rooflight in northern elevation – non-material amendment to planning permission ref:PL/5/2009/0119 at The Cottage, Rear of Crimdon Terrace, Blackhall for Mr G Angus.

RESOLVED County Council be advised that the Parish Council have no comment to make regarding the above applications and approvals.

mh10-1221

CORRESPONDENCE – February 2011

Notice of meeting on 1st February 2011 to consider planning proposal at Tweddle Farm.

Settlement Survey Study questionnaires from Durham County Council.

Fundraising letter from Butterwick House Children's Hospice.

Notice of the LitterFree Campaign from Durham County Council.

Circulars and Bulletins

Copies of the Inform North magazine.

RESOLVED the information be noted and received.

mh10-1222

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED the next meeting will be held on Monday 21st March 2011 at 7.00 pm at the Resource Centre, Blackhall.

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....