

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE MONK HESLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 20TH JUNE 2011

Councillors Present: D Carr (Chair)
T Ball, B Bates, W Cartwright, G M Crute, G Holmes, S McDonald, W McDonald,
S Peacock, J Turnbull, W B Underwood, P Ward and D Wort.

mh11-1218 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence received.

mh11-1219 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillor Peacock declared a prejudicial interest in one item of correspondence.

mh11-1220 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 16TH MAY 2011**

Draft copies of the minutes of the Annual Assembly of Electors and the meeting held on 16th May 2011 were distributed to members with the agenda.

RESOLVED the minutes of the above meetings be approved, confirmed and signed as accurate records.

mh11-1221 **POLICE REPORT**

No police officers attended the meeting.

mh11-1222 **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Proposed hospital at Wynyard (mh10-1241)

The Clerk advised members that Alan Foster from the NHS has agreed to attend the Parish Meeting on September 19th 2011 to answer how the new hospital will work and how services will be affected.

Football pitch, Station Road Hesleden

A request has been received from an U16's football team from Blackhall to have use of the football pitch at the above location on a Sunday morning.

RESOLVED permission for the team to use the pitch be approved and **FURTHER RESOLVED** the Parks & Facilities Manager be requested to mark out the pitch for the start of the new season.

mh11-1223

REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Copies of the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 2nd June 2011 were distributed to members with the agenda for information.

RESOLVED the information be noted and received.

mh11-1224

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

Councillors Carr and Crute visited Hesleden Primary, Blackhall Primary and St Josephs Primary Schools to present certificates and prizes to winners of the Children's Heritage Day Competition.

Councillor Underwood and the Clerk attended a meeting of the Blackhall Rocks Residents Association to discuss the Hart Crescent play.

Cllr Underwood attended the PACT meeting on 8th June 2011.

RESOLVED thanks be given to members for representing the Parish Council at the above events.

mh11-1225

CLERKS REPORT

Parish Plan

Final draft copies of the Parish Plan were handed out to members at the meeting. Members were asked to examine the document and comments/suggestions invited before publication.

Youth Provision

Durham County Council has requested use of the Resource Centre each Monday evening between 6.30 and 7.30pm as a drop-in centre for young people in the village. Two youth workers, employed by the County Council will be in attendance, these workers who will also be working in the community on a Thursday evening between 6.30pm and 8.30pm.

RESOLVED permission be granted with the exception of meeting dates.

Staff Training

Two members of staff have recently successfully completed NVQ courses in fine turfs sports amenities.

Chelsea Flower Show

The Parks and Facilities Manager was awarded a silver gilt award at the recent Chelsea Flower.

RESOLVED the Clerk to send letters of congratulation to staff.

mh11-1226

REVIEW OF EAST DURHAM AAP

A copy of the letter received from Durham County Council regarding the Scrutiny Review of Area Action Partnerships was distributed with the agenda. Members discussed this at length.

RESOLVED the Clerk will investigate the facts and will send a response on behalf of the Parish Council to Durham County Council.

mh11-1227

CHANGE OF COUNCIL NAME

Some members of the Parish Council are of the opinion that the current name is outdated and does not correctly reflect the settlements encompassed by the parish. Members discussed this at length.

RESOLVED public consultation will be made via the Gazette.

mh11-1228

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Schedule of payments

A list of payments for the period 17th May to 20th June 2011 was distributed to members to members with the agenda.

RESOLVED the payments be approved.

The British National Carnation Society

Promotional event to be held at the Welfare Park.

RESOLVED a contribution of £100 be given toward the cost of catering.

LGA 1972 Expenditure Power S144

Nominated catering company £100

PLANNING MATTERS

Durham County Council Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment

Members were sent a copy of the communication and map received from Durham County Council regarding the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, this was discussed.

RESOLVED the information received be noted

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A list of planning applications received by Durham County Council was distributed to members with the agenda for information; no applications were approved this month.

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PL/5/2011/0074 Replacement of eastern boundary fence at Hesleden Cemetery, Church Street, Hesleden for Monk Hesleden Parish Council.

PL/5/2011/0194 6 No Stable Block at Hesleden Hall, Monk Hesleden for Mr D Keating.

PL/5/2011/0217 Two storey side extension at 9 Sycamore Drive, Hesleden for Mr C Oxenham.

PL/5/2011/0207 First floor rear & single storey side extension, bay windows to front & double garage/workshop at Wynneholme, Coast Road, Blackhall TS27 4BL for Mr G Chapman.

PL/5/2011/0227 Single & two storey rear extensions at 18 Whindyke, Blackhall, TS27 4JZ for Mr A Stafford.

RESOLVED the Clerk to advise Durham County Council that members have no comments to make regarding the applications received.

CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence received during the period 17th May to 20th June 2011 was issued with the agenda:

June 2011

Letter received from Durham Police Authority regarding Policing Priorities for 2011-12.

Electoral review of County Durham – further draft recommendations received from The Local Government Boundary Commission.

Letter from Burns Architects advising the death of Tony Burns.

Letter of thanks from Haswell & District Mencap Society for donation (mh10-1245)

Memorial application.

Cllr S Peacock declared a prejudicial interest in one item listed and therefore left the meeting.

Members were handed a copy of an application to erect a large memorial at Blackhall Cemetery, this was discussed as it contravenes current rules. Members considered the application.

RESOLVED the application be refused as it in breach of Parish Council Cemetery rules.

Cllr S Peacock returned to the meeting.

Circulars and Bulletins

Copy of Coastlines, The Durham Heritage Coast Newsletter – Spring/Summer 2011 Edition.

April edition of The LINK news.

mh11-1231

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED the next meeting will be held on Monday 18th July 2011 at 7.00pm at Blackhall Resource Centre.

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....