

Heckington Parish Council

Parish Poll Regarding Star Fen

Thursday 19 September 2024

Polls open from **4pm to 9pm** a
Heckington Village Hall



The Parish Council purchased a plot of land for £71,500.00 in April 2024 to develop into parkland for the use of residents of the parish. Legal fees totalled £2,762.00.

After inadequate consultation and transparency surrounding the purchase and further to public feeling, the Parish Council now wants to understand what electors would like the Parish Council to do with the land.

On 19 August 2024, a Parish Meeting decided to ask the voters of Heckington the following question:

‘Should the Parish Council sell the 6-acre plot of land at Star Fen?’

The poll, run by NKDC, will take place on 19 September 2024. There will be no polling cards or postal votes, you are required to attend in person to cast your vote. The results of the poll are not legally binding.

The Parish Council have created this leaflet to give voters as much information as possible about the issue and the possible way forward.

- The land is more than 2-miles from the centre of the village.
- Road access is via a narrow lane with no footpath.
- Part of the site is an Environment Agency Zone 3 Flood Area.
- Planning permission will be required for change of use.
- To create any kind of amenity the Parish Council would need to commit to significant further expenditure.
- There are no car parking, toilets, or utilities on site.
- There is no business plan in place.
- Many Parish Councils buy land for public amenities. With further investment and planning consent it might be possible to turn the field into an asset for the community and local wildlife.
- Land prices are volatile, and it might be a sound investment.
- The land was independently valued prior to purchase. The price paid was less than this valuation.

The blue dotted line is the recommended route to the site from the centre of the village and the time it is estimated to take to walk there.



If you have questions, please contact the acting clerk on 07734 297528.