**Heddon on the Wall Parish Council**

The minutes of the Heddon-on-the-Wall Parish Council meeting,

Held on 11th July 2016 at 7.00pm in Heddon Library

*.*Louise Pringle

Clerk to the Council

1) **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Present: Mrs Gardner-Medwin (chair), Mr Armstrong, Mr Adams, Mrs Cruickshank, Mr Tailford, Mrs Thompson, Mr Stewart, Mr Young, Mr Iley, Clerk (Mrs Pringle). Apologies Councillor Jackson.

2) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Young, Sports Field

3) **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JUNE 2016**

These were proposed, seconded and signed off

4) **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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| **Owner** | **Action** | **Status** |
| L Pringle | Formal complaint to NCC re. Unauthorised use of agricultural buildings. | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Order signs Welfare Field | **Completed** |
| R Young | Repair surface under swings in Welfare Field | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Order seat Station Road | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Speak to Mr. Haddon | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Arrange fence repair on allotment 8. | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Organise finance committee meeting | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Order bin for Welfare Field | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Organise fixing of path Memorial Park | **Completed** |
| A Gardner Medwin | Arrange traffic Calming Committee and host first meeting | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Arrange Roman Wall Grass cutting with NCC | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Ring NCC to arrange weed killing | **Completed** |
| J Stewart | Check on Police surgeries | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Chase up allotment payments | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Ring NCC re cuts between Remus/Aquila/Campus | **Completed** |

1. **COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE -** There was no update this month
2. **FINANCE**

Accounts proposed seconded and authorised**.**

Bill for Library alarm call out £202 - authorised

Internet Banking – It was agreed to go forward with internet banking with the correct checks in place and two signatures authorising bills to be paid.

Change Bank Account – It was agreed to change one of the accounts to another bank as investments would be at risk with the new financial services arrangements.

Budget 2016/17 – The budget monitoring sheet for the first quarter was presented and was healthy.

Sports Field changing rooms –

Mr Young asked for three quotations for the groundworks and it was agreed to accept Darnell’s. Three phases of the building were set out: phase one, ordering the prepared wooden structure, building the concrete base and ordering the utility connections: phase two, connecting the utilities and septic tank and installing the windows; phase three, internal fit out and preparing the car park. The budget was considered in light of the Parish council’s financial position.

Mrs Gardner-Medwin proposed that Mr. Young and Mr. Adams should be authorised to go ahead with phases one and two; Mr. Armstrong seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously.

1. **PLANNING**

**Applications**

2015/1796/01/OUT - Greenwich Hospital Development Throckley. – This has now been passed even though there have been many objections from ourselves, Wylam PC and many residents of Throckley. It was agreed to write to both Councils both city and county regarding last minute changes and how much was known about the project.

**Granted**

16/00114/VARYCO – Bellamor Holmeside Birks Road. Variation to previous granted consent.

16/00972/COU- Dingle Dell, 3 Taberna Close, change of use to A3/A4/A5 and new frontage.

16/01410/FUL – 76 Trajan Walk, single storey extension to rear and single story front extension (amended 13.06.2016)

16/00578/FUL – Sports Field, non-permanent changing room facilities.

1. **ASSET UPDATE**

Larger bin required beside the Roman Wall – All agreed that a larger bin was required. However this is the only bin in Heddon not owned by the PC so the County will be contacted to provide a larger bin.

Library as a venue for meetings and events – It was agreed that the library could only be used for free very small events and meetings i.e. Knit and Natter.

Library Cleaner- Doing a great job however the Assets Officer is having difficulty contacting her regarding changes in procedure.

Tyre Swing repaired again

1. **TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The committee have identified two main areas to work on Hexham Road (B6528) from the slip Road past the garage to just past the playing field entrance and Trajan Walk specifically at School times. Before anything can be done evidence will have to be provided to allow leverage with the highways dept. PC Cross suggested the Community Speedwatch Initiative where members of the community are trained to use speed guns and monitor speeds in problem areas. It was agreed to request volunteers for this exercise. He also suggested marking the entrance to the village more vividly and earlier down the slip road before the entrance to Mill Lane, and looking at rumble strips and extra signage at both ends of the B6528. He gave us some ideas of where to look at effective and ineffective traffic calming engineering.

The committee suggested 20mph speed limit on Trajan Walk however opinion was divided on this idea as signs for Trajan Walk would look like the whole estate was 20 mph and also it was thought that people were not doing over 20 mph. Evidence is required before this can be discussed again.

1. **RESIDENTS MEETING POINTS**

Grass Cutting opposite the Roman Wall – now being done by NCC

Dog fouling – awaiting outcome of ad hoc inspections. It was agreed to have the dog warden attend the fun dog show on the 3rd September.

Request for police surgery – The next Police Surgery is on 3rd of September at Dingle Dell and then every 5 weeks after that 8th October etc. PC to advertise the surgery on the notice boards.

1. **HEDDON COMMON**

Large cycle track obstacle on path – Two large wooden obstacles have been erected on the common without permission, they are used by adult cyclists who have been reported going very fast through the narrow paths of the lower common. This was deemed dangerous to walkers, children playing and horse riders. The obstacles will be reported to NCC to get rid of them as they are on NCC land.

School planting butterfly farm – The council decided to refuse permission for the school children to plant on the Butterfly, which already has mature plants.

1. **CORE STRATEGY**

Update – There is nothing in the new strategy document that involves Heddon. The document is available in the library.

1. **METHODIST CHURCH**

Nativity Scene PC Authorisation - Authorised

1. **ALLOTMENTS**

Two allotments holders have been given notice to quit by 24th July

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**
2. E Mail: Resident – Bin Roman Wall – See above
3. E Mail: Resident – Weeds and verges Military Road – reported NCC
4. NCC – local transport plan programme – Mrs Thompson taking on transport recommendations

The meeting closed at 20.55

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| **Owner** | **Action** | **Status** |
| L Pringle | Council to advertise Police surgeries |  |
| L Pringle | Open a new bank account |  |
| L Pringle | Check HVT account |  |
| L Pringle | Open account with Darnell’s |  |
| L Pringle | Prepare letters re Throckley development for Ian |  |
| L Pringle | Contact NCC for a larger bin beside the Roman Wall |  |
| I Armstrong | To speak to John re meetings and events. |  |
| A Gardner Medwin | To collect volunteers for the traffic calming initiative |  |
| L Pringle | Advertise Police Surgeries Notice board/gossip |  |
| I Armstrong | To speak to NCC regarding cycling obstacles |  |
| I Armstrong | Make recommendations regarding paths in the common |  |
| I Armstrong | To speak to school regarding butterfly planting |  |
| I Armstrong | Comment on core strategy |  |
| L Pringle | To confirm nativity authorisation |  |
| H Thompson | To comment on transport plan |  |
| L Pringle & I Armstrong | Formal complaint to NCC re. unauthorised agricultural buildings |  |
| R Young | Repair Surface under swings Welfare Field |  |

**Plants and paint £75.58**

**Seat station road £432.00**

**Bin Welfare Field £408.30**

**Fitting Bin (D Irving) £51.00**

**Library Cleaning August £120.00**