**Heddon on the Wall Parish Council**

Minutes of Heddon on the Wall Parish Council meeting

on **Wednesday 11th January 2017 @ 7.00pm** in Heddon Library

 *.*Louise Pringle

 Clerk to the Council

# AGENDA

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -** Present: Mrs Gardner-Medwin (chair), Mr Adams, Mrs Cruickshank, Mr Armstrong, Mr Young, Mrs Thompson, Mr Stewart, Councillor Jackson Clerk (Mrs Pringle). Apologies Mr Tailford. A local resident was present to talk about school parking issues.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th DEC 2016 -** Minutes were approved and signed.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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| L Pringle | Order new fence Welfare Field | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Confirm additional grass cutting | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Planning notice on notice board | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Find contractors for Memorial Park quotes | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Planning/county surveyor signs | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Fill in survey regarding dependants | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Report hedge obscuring road Houghton | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | To arrange neighbourhood team meeting | **Completed** |
| A Gardner -Medwin | To organise planning objection for school parking | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Find green space maps at the library | **Ongoing** |
| A Gardner-Medwin | To attend County Planning Meeting | **Completed** |
| B Tailford | To attend County Planning Meeting | **Completed** |
| R Adams | Speak to Close House regarding Open tournament | **Ongoing** |

No planning is needed for the two extra tourist signs but we do need the surveyor to come out and check positioning.

Close House meeting scheduled for next Friday 13th Jan.

1. **COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE**

There has been an increase in membership fees for all Northumberland leisure centres and a lowering of discounts for families, young people and health referrals. There is a review underway at the moment.

The County Councils debt will rise this year to £1.4 billion which is putting pressure on budgets.

1. **FINANCE**

2017 – 2018 Budget – Budget was agreed, seconded and approved.

Rebate Northern Powergrid - £60 rebate was given by Northern Powergrid for the day the library had to be closed as the electricity was turned off.

Charities commission annual returns – these have been done for both charities HVT and Memorial Park

2016 -2017 Budget review – The budget monitoring review is fine with 62% of this year’s budget being spent excluding the Sports Field Changing Rooms. The library finances were reviewed, and it was stated that it would probably be a year or two before the library could return the original £12,000 stake given by the PC.

1. **PLANNING**

**Applications -** None

 **Granted**

16/03745/CCD | Single storey extensions to provide additional two classrooms, studio, additional ancillary accommodation and parking. | Heddon On The Wall St Andrew's C Of E First School Trajan Walk Heddon-On-The-Wall Newcastle Upon Tyne Northumberland NE15 0BJ.

16/02998/PRUTPO | Tree preservation application order for crown lift of three sycamore trees (T1,T2,T3) by 25% and crown thinning of two Ash trees T5 removing one branch T6 removing two. | Roman Wall Forge Heddon-On-The-Wall Newcastle Upon Tyne Northumberland NE15 0DR.

1. **ASSET UPDATE**

Flooring under swings – meeting to be held wk. com Jan 16th with yet another company for wet pour.

1. **MEMORIAL PARK**

Listing Historic England update – The council objected to the inclusion of the walls and piers within the listing for the war memorial. However this cannot be changed.

1. **COMMUNITY PRIORITIES**

Dog fouling – After recent contact with the dog warden Hexham road has been scheduled by the County Council for cleaning, new notices have been put around the village requesting people to report dog fouling to the County Council and the dog warden will be doing more patrols. We have been requested not to spray it with fluorescent paint as this can be classed as graffiti and make it more interesting to children.

Trees – A long term village plan will be made with regards to looking after the trees and wooded area in the village.

1. **SCHOOL PLANNING**

Two councillors attended the County Council planning meeting on 20th Dec regarding the school and made a statement regarding the state of parking and traffic around the school. It was agreed by the Northumberland County Councillors at the meeting that a new survey would be done regarding traffic and that measures would need to be in place before construction started. However a document appeared on the 23rd Dec on the planning portal which now says measures must be in place before use of the classrooms. The Parish council have decided to request a formal public consultation meeting.

On a survey done by one of the councillors one morning at school time between 08.30 and 09.00 62 cars went up Trajan Walk and 42 came down. It is understood that now there will be enough parking for staff within the new plans.

Parking ideas – The following ideas were suggested.

Staggered start times for juniors and infants so there would be less cars at the same time.

Walking train or one person per street rota to take children to/from school.

Crossing warden to patrol Trajan Walk.

Car park at the top of the Welfare Field.

Car park in old tip access point with a path to the school.

1. **BUS COMPANY MEETING**

Progress report – The outcome of the meeting was that The County Council accepted responsibility for lack of information and consultation on the change of the X84 which now does not stop in the village. GoNorthEast suggested that they would like Towne Gate outside the Swan to be one way then they may consider reinstating the bus stop but were unable to commit. The parish council felt that residents would not agree.

The council were informed of a problem which happened due to inconsiderate parking outside the Knott Memorial Hall recently, while a children’s party was in progress. As well as the parking on the side or the Knott Hall two cars were parked on the opposite side of the road and the bus was unable to pass, so it was stuck for over 10 minutes making it late to pick up all of the following passengers.

1. **SPORTS FIELD CHANGING ROOMS**

Progress Report – Roof is on, windows and doors will be in next week and all will be secure and watertight. The team are now second in the league.

1. **HADRIANS WALL SIGNS**

Progress report – A meeting will be held on 16th January to discuss content of the two new boards now it has been confirmed no planning permission is required. Board 1 opposite the Women’s Institute to include info on the Roman Wall and the institute. Board 2 content still to be confirmed.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**
2. Email: Glass Bins. – A suitable place cannot be found to re-locate the glass bins, so the closest bins are now in Wylam
3. Post: Funding CAN – Agreed £30
4. Post: Donations CVA, NTC and Age UK – Donations not to be given
5. Email: Access Blue Row – It was agreed that the reply sent was the sum of the knowledge of the Councillors.
6. Email: Bicycle tracks on the common – Yet another cycle track with large obstacles has been made on the lower common including stones taken from the quarry at Slacks Plantation. Even though the County Council normally react swiftly to these issues it was decided to write a formal complaint due to the number of issues there have been this year.

The meeting closed at 20.45

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| L Pringle | Precept application 2017-2018 |  |
| L Pringle | Put up dog posters |  |
| L Pringle | Contact NCC regarding glass bins |  |
| L Pringle | Find contractors for Memorial Park quotes |  |
| L Pringle | Planning/county surveyor signs |  |
| L Pringle/I Armstrong | Formal Letter to NCC regarding cycle tracks, copy to Mr Watson |  |
| A Gardner -Medwin | Write letter for public consultation meeting re school parking |  |
| L Pringle | Find green space maps at the library |  |
| A Gardner-Medwin | Planning and orientation boards |  |
| All | To suggest items for the tree plan to the clerk |  |
| R Adams | Speak to Close House regarding Open tournament | **Ongoing** |

