**Heddon on the Wall Parish Council**

Minutes of the meeting of the Heddon on the Wall Parish Council

on **Wednesday 11h October 2017 @ 7.00pm** in Heddon Library

*.*Louise Pringle

Clerk to the Council

Before the meeting two residents gave updates of their issues with the aircraft noise.

Mrs Parker discussed issues of the residents of Hexham Road where the majority of flights are being channelled over her property, many more than 18 months ago. A noise monitor from the airport is going to be placed close to their homes.

Mr Allen of Heddon Banks raised concerns about increased numbers of training flights recognisable by the types of aircraft. He feels that there are fewer commercial flights and more low training flights, especially at early mornings 06.00 to 08.00 and at the weekend.

AGENDA

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -** Present **:** Mrs Gardner-Medwin (chair), Mr Avery, Mr Young, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Cruickshank, Councillor Jackson, Clerk (Mrs Pringle). Apologies Mr Stewart, Mr Armstrong, Mr Pyle, Mr Adams.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –** Mr Young, sports field
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th September 2017 –** Minutes were agreed and signed off
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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| **Owner** | **Action** | **Status** |
| L Pringle | Send in highways priorities | **Completed** |
| I Armstrong | Organise cutting for Butterfly Garden and volunteers | **Ongoing** |
| R Young | To cut brush butterfly farm | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Circulate airport report to residents and councillors Thurs 14th Sept | **Completed** |
| K Pearson | Prices for moveable flashing signs | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Arrange new signatories for bank account | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Check NCC regarding academy bus stop | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Email business owner re advertising Taberna Close | **Ongoing** |
| R Young | Price for fencing – sports field | **Ongoing** |
| P Jackson | Contact the airport regarding residents issues | **Completed** |
| P Jackson | To investigate possibility of pedestrian crossing | **Ongoing** |
| P Jackson | To organise removal of the public phone sign | **Ongoing** |
| P Jackson | Contact highways regarding parking Taberna Close | **Ongoing** |
| J Stewart | Monitor bin situation Heddon Banks | **Retable March** |
| K Pearson | To bill Heddon juniors including clean up fee | **Completed** |
| K Pearson | Get spur for library doors moved | **Ongoing** |
| R Adams | To inform clerk re fire inspection Selman park (when building is completed). | **Ongoing** |
| A Gardner Medwin | To include airport info in gossip article | **Completed** |

Academy bus stop – All children have now gained places on the County Council bus and are being picked up and dropped off on Towne Gate.

1. **COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE –** Consultation will be starting on the school parking plan provided by NCC. This will include yellow lines on the turning circle outside the school and no waiting designation, yellow lines on all corners of the streets joining onto Trajan Walk and white no parking bars in front of the drives on the houses in the cul de sac on Trajan Walk ending in the school. Building works at the school are nearly finished.

Next year there will be more weed spraying and verge cutting by the County Council with more of this work being taken back in house after three years of external contractors.

Reviews are taking place within the County council on Active Northumberland and the development and finance sections.

1. **FINANCE**

Sign off of Sept/Oct accounts – Accounts were agreed and signed off.

Budget monitoring Q2 – The council is within budget for the previous six months. Due to extra spending on the changing rooms at Selman Park and the Flashing Traffic Signs it was agreed that the clerk could transfer up to £23,000 from the savings account to the running no 1 account as and when needed.

No2 Account for Selman Park daily running – From now on all costs for the daily running of Selman Park will come from the No 2 account and be paid for by the letting out of the ground and not from the precept.

Bus shelter seat – This is now finished and there is extra Marmax planking. It was agreed to use the planks to refurbish the seat on the Gorse Hill. Other seats to be refurbished include the one on the slip road and the one on the Military Road. The bus shelter is getting covered in vegetation from the adjoining garden and the window is obscured so it was decided to speak to the resident owning the garden.

Financial regulations – These will be available in draft form for the next meeting

Library tenants – One of the library tenants has given their notice to quit and a new tenant is being sought.

1. **PLANNING**

**Applications**

17/02908/FUL | Construction of 1no. detached dwelling house. | Land East Of 14 Station Road Heddon On The Wall Newcastle Upon Tyne Northumberland NE15 0DY update – This has now been granted with conditions

**Applications Granted**

17/02411/FUL- Round House Bays leap farm

17/02421/PRUTPO **–** Trees west of 84 Trajan Walk, reduce and reshape crown.

1. **OUTDOOR PLAN**

Review of plan – It was decided to take no action on the tree at the allotments this year. The tree surgeon will be checking several trees in the village and cutting the lime tree in the Welfare Field on 15th November.

Chare Bank wood – Update, no current problems in trees or undergrowth, birds breeding in the area Blackbird x 2, Song Thrush, Blue Tit, Hedge sparrow. There is also a family of weasels using the site.

1. **TRAFFIC CALMING**

Prices and pictures for flashing speed signs – Moveable signs need to be battery operated which means charging the battery every 2/3 weeks. It was decided to go with the solar powered fixed signs from either Dorman or Swarco. These are companies used by the other local councils (Wylam/Horsley/Corbridge and Stocksfield). It was decided to let the clerk make the final decision which company based on any discounts or extra help that can be offered.

Motorbikes on Military road- This problem should be helped by the traffic signs and most motor cycle clubs do not operate in the winter. Re table June

1. **SPORTS FIELD CHANGING ROOMS**

Progress report – Water will be installed on 17th October, then the water heating system and shower equipment can go in and the changing rooms should be finished. Electrical installation is being finished by another person after the original person broke his leg.

Authorisation new tenancy agreement – With the solicitors should be ready for next meeting.

Accident book – It was agreed to put an accident book in the changing rooms. A meeting will be held to decide what furniture is needed.

A new bill was provided by the builder. This included making a soakaway, providing the front door, making the mains water connection, access hatch to loft and skirting boards

Two proposals were made by the chairman, seconded by Mr Young and agreed by the council.

1. The clerk is authorised to pay the builders as soon as the building is finished and the bill presented. She is to pay only the sum shown on the final bill received on the 11th October.
2. Nothing extra will be permitted to be done to the changing rooms unless pre-authorised by the majority of members of the Parish Council.
3. **LITTER PICK**

Review – A thank you to Mr Stewart for a very successful litter pick.

Bin Station Road, cycle route 72 – It was agreed to check with the County Council if a bin could be put at the entrance to cycle route 72 at the junction with Station Road.

1. **AIRPORT REPORT –** There were no specific points to discuss within the report which was long detailed and technical. It showed that the airport authorities were taking on board the problems and still looking for a solution. Due to the many different views of people in all parts of the village the Parish Council cannot endorse one course of action over another. It was agreed to write to Ms. Hughes at the airport thanking her for the report and point out the current issues on Hexham Road and with the training flights.
2. **BUTTERFLY HAVEN**

Waiting to cut the brush until vegetation has gone down a bit. The tree surgeon is coming to look at the trees in November.

1. **MEMORIAL PARK**

Update on wall – The wall will be done at the beginning of the year.

Green Flag Parks Award – It was agreed to ask the volunteers if they wanted to go for this award.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**
2. Email: Resident Trajan Walk Parking – see section 5
3. Email: Resident verges on slip road, traffic calming – see section 9, verges have been reported to the County Council
4. Post : resident airport Issues Hexham Road – see section 12
5. Email: NCC roadworks Hexham Road and the Military Road resurfacing in the centre of the village 13th Nov onwards.
6. From the Clerk: She had discussed with County officers the holes left around lighting poles in the village centre. The officers will ensure the contractor fill in the holes and secure the fencing.

Meeting closed at 21.05



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| L Pringle | Sign Taberna Close report to planning enforcement |  |
| I Armstrong | Organise cutting for Butterfly Garden and volunteers | **Ongoing** |
| R Young | To cut brush butterfly farm | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Copy to Peter Highways priorities |  |
| K Pearson/L Pringle | Go ahead with traffic signs |  |
| L Pringle | Arrange new signatories for bank account | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | To do draft financial regulations |  |
| L Pringle | Notices regarding Roadworks Hexham/Military Road |  |
| L Pringle | To get tree surgeon to check trees library and Taberna Close |  |
| R Young | Price for fencing – sports field | **Ongoing** |
| P Jackson | To investigate possibility of pedestrian crossing | **Ongoing** |
| P Jackson | To organise removal of the public phone sign | **Ongoing** |
| P Jackson | Contact highways regarding parking Taberna Close | **Ongoing** |
| R Young | Check plank sizes for Gorse Hill Seat |  |
| R Young | To provide key for changing rooms to clerk |  |
| L Pringle | To arrange meeting regarding furniture needs changing rooms on completion. |  |
| R Adams | To inform clerk re fire inspection Selman park (when building is completed). |  |
| A Gardner Medwin | Speak to school regarding gate into Welfare Field and hedge between fence and wall |  |
| A Gardner-Medwin | To arrange painting of the Gorse Hill seat |  |
| L Cruickshank | To inspect seat Slip road |  |
| A Avery | To speak to resident re vegetation on bus shelter |  |
| A Gardner-Medwin | To check regarding bin Station Road |  |
| A Gardner-Medwin | To send mail re land next to 14 Station Road to clerk |  |
| A Gardner-Medwin | Clean brass plaque Memorial Park |  |
| A Gardner-Medwin | Put speedwatch report in next gossip |  |
| A Gardner-Medwin | Speak to NCC re footpath to Selman park/sliproad |  |
| L Pringle | Speak to contractor re Memorial Park works |  |
| L Pringle | Update out door maintenance plan and asset register |  |