**Heddon on the Wall Parish Council**

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

On **Wednesday 12th September 2018 @ 7.00pm** in Heddon Library

 *.*Louise Pringle

 Clerk to the Council

Before the meeting started a resident Mr. Pointer presented on the need for the chain link fence to be renewed in front of the wooden fence in the Welfare Field.(see item 11)

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -** Present **:** Mrs Gardner-Medwin (chairman), Mr Stewart, Mr Adams, Mrs Cruickshank, Mr Young, Mr Pyle, Mrs Thompson, Clerk (Mrs Pringle). Apologies Councillor Jackson, Mr Avery.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -** Mr Young, sports field
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Wed July 11th 2018–** Minutes were agreed and signed off
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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| **Owner** | **Action** | **Status** |
| I Armstrong | Arrange Butterfly volunteers | **Ongoing** |
| R Adams | Contact M Selman re seats | **Ongoing** |
| L Cruickshank | Photos to clerk of cut Remus/Aquila | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Report cut Remus/Aquila | **Completed** |
| R Young | Price for fencing – sports field | **Ongoing** |
| R Young | Arrange area for huts | **Completed** |
| R Young | To speak to grass cutter regarding stop on cutting | **Completed** |
| K Pearson | Get bin and sign erected in Butterfly Garden | **Completed** |
| K Pearson | To arrange delivery of two huts for Selman Park | **Completed** |
| A Gardner Medwin | Arrange painting of the bus shelter roof | **Completed** |
| K Pearson | Take down any advertising left at Selman park | **Completed** |
| A Gardner Medwin | To organise compost bins at library | **Completed** |
| A Gardner Medwin | To get hose for library | **Completed** |
| A Gardner Medwin | To get in line tap | **Completed** |
| A Avery | To speak to resident re vegetation on bus shelter | **Ongoing** |
| K Pearson | Arrange plastic trunks for internal storage | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Arrange a meeting with Councillor Sanderson | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Contact Planning re Hexham road | **Completed** |
| J Stewart | Provide clerk with photos re Hexham Road | **Completed** |

The new flashing sign has been put up by the county. The Council thinks that the sign lacks visual impact. It is too high, doesn’t flash early enough and should be red or green writing dependant on speed. This will be reported to the county.

It was suggested that when inspecting planning applications particular notice should be given to the proposed heights of buildings.

1. **COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE –**No update this month
2. **FINANCE**

Sign off July/August/Sept Accounts - accounts were agreed and seconded

Authorisation HJFC one less team from October Bill £408/391 – The price for HJFC will change to £391 per month from 1st October

Library letters for payment terms – it was agreed to go ahead with the changes to payment terms which the tenant had been advised about several months ago and no comments made.

Library alarm system – ADT have been out as there was a lot of call outs for no reason, the sensors have been adjusted and hopefully this will help. We are still looking into another company due to price rises by ADT.

Data protection and retention/publication policies – These two policies were agreed and adopted by the council.

External audit has been completed with no advisory notes from the auditors

1. **PLANNING**

**Applications**

**Applications Granted**

 18/01866/LBC – change kitchen window to match existing ones. Close House

 18/01561/FUL – Erection of 1 detached dwelling house. 16 Station road.

 18/02037/FUL – Erection of Garden shed. 6 Frenchman’s Row

1. **COUNCILLORS**

Advertise for volunteers to take empty seat, for decision – it was decided against advertising for a new councillor at this time.

1. **SPORTS FIELD CHANGING ROOMS**

Fences Selman Park – A price will be got this month for the fencing off of the private land to the West of the field. Mr Duffy will attend next month’s meeting to discuss the need for a fence between the carpark and the field.

Use of the park by residents not in a team – it was decided not to change the rules on this due to health and safety issues. However people will not be challenged for using the field.

It was decided to erect the sheds to the East of the changing rooms both together.

There have been complaints regarding people parking on the side of East Heddon single track road when there is still room in the carpark. HJFC will be requested to have someone on to police parking.

1. **MILITARY ROAD BENCH**

Agreement to restore – This item will be re - tabled for march 2019

1. **WELFARE FIELD**

Resident’s comments re fence decision to extend - It was decided to have a row of holly trees planted instead of a fence. This will also keep down the nettles and weeds.

Removal of nettle patch – It was decided to poison the nettle patch

It was also decided to get prices for the following jobs which need doing. Cutting the foliage in the square at the entrance to the field, trimming the hawthorn hedge on the west of the field, removing rowan trees from the wall beside the school entrance, conversion of gate so larger vehicles can get into the park.

1. **NEIGHBOURHOOD ISSUES**

Towne Gate entrance next to Memorial Park - There have been several complaints regarding the speed people come around the corner. See item 13.

Village herb garden behind Methodist Church – It was agreed to help the lady currently cultivating this patch if we can find out who it is.

Hedge Taberna Close – The council will not be cutting this hedge again due to complaints regarding the price from residents when it should be the responsibility of the owners. It was decided to contact the County Council to see what could be done.

Resident winter path gritting – This has been discussed several times and it was decided finally that the Parish Council cannot manage such a large job which has so many health and safety implications.

Memorial Park and library garden –Authorisation was given for the buying of shrubs for both areas.

1. **LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN**

3 priorities to put forward to the highways department at the County Council for 2019. The following priorities would be put forward.

Re model entrance to Towne gate from Hexham Road to make a more pronounced corner and force drivers to slow down. There have been many complaints from residents regarding the dangers of crossing the road there.

Passing place renovation and more passing places to be put on East Heddon road. This road is getting really busy as it is used more and more as a cut through from Ponteland especially at school and work times.

Road resurfacing from Blue Bell Cottages to the entrance of Close House.

1. **DEWLEY HILL STRIP MINE**

There are no current plans on starting this open cast mine from Throckley A 69 roundabout towards Newcastle. However the Parish Council has contacted the contractor and received assurances that when work is planned they will be notified.

1. **METHODIST CHURCH**

New minister Rev. Colin Barrick. A warm welcome to Colin.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Email/Post: donation requests from Sport Tynedale, Age concern and Crohns Colitis - £30 will be given to Sport Tynedale and £25 to Cronns-colitis

Email: NCC road closure Holeyn Hall to Wylam 24 – 28 Sept, Holeyn hall to Heddon 08 -12 Oct

Email: Resident rubbish at Roman Wall layby bin – notice to be put in the gossip.

The meeting closed at 21.00

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| L Pringle | Letters for library payment terms |  |
| L Pringle | Pass on comments re flashing sign |  |
| R Young | Price for fencing – sports field | **Ongoing** |
| R Young | Organise wooden plinth for sheds |  |
| L Pringle | Send in transport plan by 30th September |  |
| K Pearson | Get prices for new alarm company |  |
| K Pearson | No parking sign for moveable post |  |
| K Pearson | Move grit bin |  |
| K Pearson | Contact HJFC regarding traffic issues |  |
| A Gardner Medwin | Letter to resident re gritting |  |
| A Gardner Medwin | Letter welcoming Methodist minister |  |
| A Gardner Medwin | Contact resident re Towne Gate |  |
| A Avery | To speak to resident re vegetation on bus shelter | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Check hedge regulations County Council |  |
| L Pringle | Send number for Mrs Selman to Mr Adams |  |
| L Pringle | Prices for jobs in Welfare Field |  |
| L Pringle | Put policies on the internet |  |



12/09/2018 Library tap £85