**Heddon on the Wall Parish Council**

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

On **Wednesday 10th October 2018 @ 7.00pm** in Heddon Library

 *.*Louise Pringle

 Clerk to the Council

At the beginning of the meeting Mr Duffy the chairman of Heddon Juniors Football Club and Mr Batey proposed a new fence at Selman Park to separate the Car park from the playing fields citing reasons of Health and Safety. He proposed that HJFC would provide labour and asked if the Parish Council would chip in half the cost of materials expected to be approx. £250 see item 8 for resolution.

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –** All Present **:** Mrs Gardner-Medwin (chairman), Mr Stewart, Mr Adams, Mrs Cruickshank, Mr Young, Mr Pyle, Mrs Thompson, Councillor Jackson, Mr Avery, Clerk (Mrs Pringle).
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –** Mr Young and Mr Adams for Selman Park, Mrs Gardner –Medwin for Memorial Park.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Wed Sept 12th 2018. -**  The 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 | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Letters for library payment terms | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Pass on comments re flashing sign | **Ongoing** |
| R Young | Price for fencing – sports field | **Completed** |
| R Young | Organise wooden plinth for sheds | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Send in transport plan by 30th September | **completed** |
| K Pearson | Get prices for new alarm company | **Ongoing** |
| K Pearson | No parking sign for moveable post | **Ongoing** |
| K Pearson | Move grit bin | **Ongoing** |
| K Pearson | Contact HJFC regarding traffic issues | **Completed** |
| A Gardner Medwin | Letter to resident re gritting | **Completed** |
| A Gardner Medwin | Letter welcoming Methodist minister | **Completed** |
| A Gardner Medwin | Contact resident re Towne Gate | **Completed** |
| A Avery | To speak to resident re vegetation on bus shelter | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Check hedge regulations County Council | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Send number for Mrs Selman to Mr Adams | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Prices for jobs in Welfare Field | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Put policies on the internet | **Completed** |

The parking post sign at Selman Park is no longer required. Emergency entrances will be in

front of the changing rooms and at the end of the West carpark.

The cost for the bases of the sheds was agreed but Mr Irving would be paid for labour only and Mr Young would provide the materials to enable VAT collection.

The clerk was authorised to pay Mr Irving immediately when jobs that have been priced for are completed.

Butterfly Garden:  The email from Mr Armstrong was discussed and it was decided not to mow the meadow at the moment.  The issue will be re-tabled in February.

Prices were approved for work to the Welfare Field change to the gate to allow larger vehicles, and gardening works to trim the hawthorn hedge eradicate nettles etc.

Transport plan - This was sent as agreed. When Councillor Sanderson and Mr Jones visited Heddon to see about parking they suggested the third priority should be pavements on Towne Gate. The parish council prioritised these last year but were told by the County they should not be included in this list as they were not capital expenditure. It was agreed to change the priorities and remove the road resurfacing Blue Bell Cottages to Close House and place instead the pavements.

The meeting with councillor Sanderson also discussed making Taberna Close a short term carpark, the idea of changing the corner of Towne Gate and the B6528 and the fact that we should now have a community police officer attached to Heddon. The councillor felt that there was no way of improving parking in the centre of the village for the Methodist Church and the WI. Various actions were taken away.

Contractor to have a look at ramp in Taberna Close

1. **COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE**

Council tax charges – No comments regarding this issue.

Update from Councillor Jackson – work goes ahead on the roads with resurfacing of B6482 in our area and is part of a County wide road improvement scheme. Schools investment, the work to improve Ponteland High School has been approved and is going ahead with and estimated completion date of 2 years.

Councillor Jackson requested councillors to comment on the local plan currently in consultation.

Devolution deal has gone through which means Northumberland will get a share of an extra £20 million and the council are currently working on the Borderlands Rural Investment package which, if successful will bring in another 24 million to be spent on education, training and rural growth such as business hubs and affordable housing.

There were comments from the councillors to Peter Jackson:

Could the County Council think about temporary bus stops when doing road works as twice there have been none?

Can Peter keep the council abreast of anything that comes in regarding Dewley Hill opencast site? The County council are not the planning authority but just consultees however Heddon Parish Council will be told if anything comes up.

The lack of lights on Trajan Walk was reported to Peter who said that the County would contact National Power Grid.

1. **FINANCE**

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

Budget review – Q2 is on target for us to come in on budget for the year. We have overspent on the Welfare field but there is slack to take up this overspend.

Thoughts for 2019/20 budget – Increase tree budget.

Crohns colitis donation – This donation though agreed by the council has not been made as the contact info for the local branch has been removed from the internet.

1. **PLANNING**

**Applications**

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| E/M | 18/03413/FUL | The Witchery Birk Road NE15 0HF | Proposed double storey extension to rear |

No objections

**Applications Granted**

1. **SPORTS FIELD CHANGING ROOMS**

Fences Selman Park – It was agreed to accept the proposal made by Mr. Duffy at the beginning of the meeting. The agreed fence is to be a post and metal net fence the same as the fence currently at the side of the south car park. It will run up the side of the west car park from the current fence to two or three meters from the top where a space will be left so emergency vehicles would have access to the field. The Parish Council agreed to pay for half of the materials for the fence, Mr Duffy will supply the labour. Mr Duffy to bill the Parish Council for the materials when work is completed and the amount to be taken off his rent for that month.

The western boundary fence at Selman Park was agreed at a previous meeting, and council accepted the quotation recommended by Mr Young. Work could not be started until spring so to make it quicker and save money the Parish Council decided to pay for materials and then get the fence erected by their general work man.

New team request – This request was denied for the following reasons, overplaying of the field, the field is full on Sundays.

Parking issues –It was agreedthat Heddon Juniors would use the west car park and would manage parents parking on a Sunday morning in the short term until the posts are available to mount chains to segregate the car park. It was also suggested that a car could be placed over the front of the unavailable area to stop people parking there. Problems on the East Heddon Road, people must not park on the side of this road as it is a single track road with passing places HJFC to ensure that there is a marshal in place or ready in case of difficulties on very busy days. Car share was suggested and A frame signs.

1. **NEIGHBOURHOOD ISSUES**

Hedge at 5 Mithras gardens – A hedge policy will be made up and discussed at the next meeting when a decision will be made on this hedge.

Litter and dog fouling – This seems to have decreased a bit this summer with the green dog walking scheme and more general awareness of the issues. A big thanks to Councillor John Stewart for all his work in these areas.

Fence Centurion Way/Heath Hill – A fence 5ft 10 inches high has been erected behind the bungalow on Heath Hill but directly in front of residents on Centurion Way. This will be reported to planning enforcement at the County Council.

1. **WELFARE FIELD**

Wall on right behind fence – This wall has now been checked and is in a good state of repair, it will be retabled in February with a view to patching the pointing.

Pricing for jobs decided last month – All prices were agreed, jobs to go ahead.

Any other thoughts on improvements – Nothing specific but the Council agreed to explore the idea of a village appraisal as it was 10 years since the last one. Thanks were given to the clerk and the assets manager for a speedy response to a dangerous tree.

1. **MEMORIAL PARK**

Perimeter wall update – The contractor states that his work should be done in approx. 2 weeks.

Volunteers – Number of volunteers is diminishing. It was agreed that Mrs Gardner-Medwin would host a small celebration for the wonderful work that they do.

Pruning notice – for authorisation – it was agreed to put up a pruning notice in the park to read no pruning unless authorised by the PC. Councillors authorised Mr Rochester to use his mechanical hedge trimmer in the Memorial Park.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Email/Post: donation requests from Core Music and CAN – it was agreed to donate £30 to Community Action Northumberland

Email: NCC – changing of refuse collection – The days in Heddon will not change; however the times may vary.

Email: Branches – meeting 16th Oct, carving commences 22nd Oct – For info, it is hoped to start carving the centurion Statue in Taberna Close on 22nd October, the branches committee to ensure health and safety requirements are met.

It was noted that the community archaeology trial here in Heddon this year has been successful and secured funding for more sites along the wall in future. Congratulations to Kerry.

The meeting closed at 20.45

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| **Owner** | **Action** | **Status** |
| A Avery/L Pringle | Hedge resolution |  |
| L Pringle | Report fence Centurion way |  |
| L Pringle | Letters for library payment terms | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Pass on comments re flashing sign | **Ongoing** |
| R Young | Ramp Taberna Close |  |
| L Pringle | Change transport plan priority 3 |  |
| K Pearson | Get prices for new alarm company | **Ongoing** |
| K Pearson | To inform the new teams of the PC decision |  |
| K Pearson | Move grit bin | **Ongoing** |
| A Gardner Medwin | To put up pruning notice |  |
| A Gardner Medwin | Village appraisal |  |
| A Avery | To speak to resident re vegetation on bus shelter | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Organise work in Welfare Field and hut bases S Park |  |
| L pringle  | To get seats positioned at Selman Park  |  |
| L Pringle | To find out who the community policeman is |  |

