Heddon on the Wall Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of Heddon on the Wall Parish Council On **Wednesday 11th December 2019 @ 7.00pm** in Heddon Library *.*

# Minutes

Mr Graham Pyle the chairman of the Parish Council resigned on December 6th as he felt the role was very stressful and wished to spend more time with his family. The first order of business was to elect a temporary chair for the December and January meetings. Mr Adams was nominated, seconded and elected. A vote of thanks was given to Mr Pyle and the council stated that they appreciated his contribution over what had been a very difficult time where he had to deal with some very complicated issues. It was unanimously decided to get him a voucher for a meal at Close House and to send him a letter of thanks. **LP to get voucher and produce letter for Graham.**

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -** Mr Adams (chair for this meeting), Mrs Cruickshank, Mr Edwards, Mr Knox, Mr Young, Mr Keller, Mrs Thompson. Clerk (Mrs Pringle). Apologies Councillor Jackson, Mr Avery, Mr Pyle (chair),
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None**
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Wed November 13th 2019** The minutes were signed **off** with no amendments

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

LP to get remaining bank signatures and send in awaiting one set of info. **–** Mr Edwards to fill in a form as signatory instead of Mr Pyle. **PE to return bank mandate form to clerk.**

LP to sort out right to cultivate agreement for Taberna Close – this has been done and the amendments and a letter to the resident discussed and agreed. **LP to send out agreement to cultivate with letter.**

ALL ideas for VE day

PJ to arrange road marking at bus stop Hexham Road - ongoing

KP to source prices for notice boards – ongoing

ALL to have ideas re correct position for boards now the café is closed. It was decided to leave the Taberna Close notice board as parents of school children and pet owners along with everyone who cuts through Taberna will still see the notices. **LP to speak to AGM regarding sighting a notice board in the Memorial Park.**

LP speak to Mike re using Knott hall board for important notices- Agreed by Mr Laker Completed

DK to attend next meeting re facebook page, RA to provide a list of permissions

KP to get prices for painting library. Ongoing

MK/RY strim butterfly garden - Completed

Completed LP to send out budget and organise meeting - Completed

LP to register re data Protection - Ongoing

LP to get more info. GP to discuss possibilities with the residents association of a joint

Venture on cold calling. Completed

LP to produce budget. Completed

LP will send out survey when authorised. GP to contact CAN. Ongoing

KP to get new laptop Completed

RY to test the doors to see if we can remove the electrical component. Ongoing

RY to check if grass cutting bill correct – Vendor to check and re present bill. Completed

LP to instruct solicitor re land registry. – will be done in January

LP to get tub. LP to check on tub at Clayton Terrace with AGM. Tub does belong to PC but AGM does not know who has been filling it up. **RY to put a new tub there and fill it with the existing soil etc. then hopefully the champion of the tub will fill it again.**

MK to strim bus stop - completed

LP to send letter of thanks to the Swan - completed

### **COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE**

### **FINANCE & ASSETS**

Sign off Nov/Dec invoices – all agreed and signed off.

Budget reccomendations – Mr Edwards went through the proposed budget and explained

the finances of the Parish Council. The new budget represents an increase of £1.12 over the year to the rate payers and will allow us to put some money towards projects to improve the village.

Library heating – there have been some problems with the library heating on both boilers and heaters have been bought for the tennants. The clerk has tasked the Assets Manager to find a solution and present it to the PC.

1. **PLANNING**

**Applications**

**Applications Granted**

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD ISSUES**

Memorial Park pruning – this will be done in January. **MK to arrange M Park pruning**

MUGA recomendations – The residents association put forward a proposal to put in all weather surfaces under the items equipment which currently have wood chippings. The Parish Council also wants to resurface the MUGA. The PC will await results from the village survey before making a final descision. **KP to get a price for surfaces**

Moles Welfare Field and NCC tidy up – It was decided to leave the moles in the field alone and the council was informed of the tidy up the County Council had done on Mithras Gardens and the fact that the gulleys have been cleaned out on both estates.

Hollies Taberna Close – it has been decided not to plant more hedging with the hollies on the Welfare Field, see section 4 agreement to cultivate.

1. **RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

Letters of thanks bus stop and bin – All were informed of this, mails were sent to all involved.

Relationship going forward. The parish Council acknowledge that this is an important relationship and are currently looking at ways to have regular meetings with all groups, maybe quarterly, to the benefit of all parties.

1. **FACEBOOK**

Info on restrictions and what we can do to set up a page with Di Keller resident. Presentation was given on a Facebook site which some residents intend to set up which will be a positive site celebrating the achievements of the people of Heddon, working with all of the associations and entities in the village including the Parish Council. The site will be moderated by independent people to ensure that it remains positive, people will have to agree to a code of contact when joining and should they deviate from that will be removed from the site. The clerk expressed some concerns after the negative comments and personal attacks on Facebook experienced over the summer but it was stated that will not be allowed to happen on this site. The Parish Council decided to wait and see the site with a view to posting the council news and links to documents etc. **LP to give Gossip email to MK**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mail – NCC local plan chapter 13 managing natural resources public hearing 5/6 Feb

Mail – NCC Ovington to Wylam road closures 13/01 to 17/01 24hours. Other possible closures until 30/06

Mail – NCC winter litter campaign, The council will put up the posters for this but are concentrating on Spring for litter picks etc.

The meeting closed at 20.35

