**Heddon on the Wall Parish Council**

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# **MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of Heddon on the Wall Parish Council

Wednesday 11th March 2020 @ 1900 in Heddon Library.

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -** Mr Adams, Mr Avery, Mr Knox, Mr Young, Mr Keller, Mrs Thompson. Clerk (Mrs Pringle). Apologies Mr Edwards and Mrs Cruickshank, Councillor Jackson. It was agreed that Mr Adams chair the meeting
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –** None
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Wed 12th February 2020 -** Minutes were agreed and signed off.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (if not covered elsewhere)**

Neighbourhood Plan – AA. This is currently in an information gathering stage and will be retabled in June for discussion.

1. **MAINTAINING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL**

PJ to arrange road markings at bus stop Hexham Road – No update  
RY to put new tub at Clayton Terrace and refill with existing soil for Tub Champion to replant. Completed  
KP to contact resident and order the notice boards. Completed

PE to write a letter of thanks to the airport. LP to provide contact details. Completed

KP/MK to get price for surfaces under play equipment. Meeting agreed 12th March to complete pricing requirements before a decision can be made on resurfacing under equipment. LP to get price to remove large climbing frame.

Milepost – B6528 resident email LP to check with the county if we can have the marker.

Grounds Maintenance update – MK A quote has been received for the improvement of vegetation and trees on Hexham Road between the service station and the eastern junction of Towne Gate at the Roman Wall several more quotes to be requested before a decision can be made. Footpaths to Close House clean-up has been started by NCC. Thanks to Karbon Homes for the great job done clearing and edging the grassy areas they deal with.

Maintenance areas – Several quotes have been received for annual maintenance to the Memorial Park and Taberna Close including grass cutting and edging and the butterfly garden. It was decided to go with the quotes provided by Leedale Landscapes as they priced for 18 cuts of the grass over the summer at the same price as the other company who only quoted for 14 cuts. (Proposed AK, seconded AA)

LP to check with MAC re library grass cutting.

Bin Taberna Close one of the bins has gone rusty due to the dogs, it was proposed to exchange it with the other bin that is already there. LP to check with the vets and instruct David

1. **IMPROVING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL**

Tub Champions and volunteers to be consulted on all plants. A meeting has been scheduled on 6th April, details in next gossip etc.  
Consider costs of providing hanging baskets on all lampposts on Towne Gate and at all bus stops. Ongoing MK – Still awaiting authorisation from NCC LP to push, only one price has been received but it was agreed that it was a good one. LP to consult Halls again. The Council agreed the concept of the baskets and bright planting but needs more info before a vote can be taken to go ahead.  
Consider costs of resurfacing work at Towne Gate/Station Bank triangle and seek NCC permission to undertake work. Underway PJ to contribute some funds. Awaiting meeting with NCC.  
Facebook update, ongoing. Procedure and protocol for internet use it was agreed that anything official from Heddon PC going onto Heddon matters should state Posted by the administrator on behalf of Heddon PC. LP to check with Residents association that this is suitable. It was noted that the PC needs a Communication policy or at least a new part of the Standing Orders to address posting on social media

Village survey update –PE It was voted to go ahead with the price from CAN (Community Action North East) which is a local charitable organisation with a lot of experience in surveys. Proposed AA seconded RY.  
RY to dispose of shed Selman Park. Weather dependant, too windy at the moment.

MK to procure bins for Heddon Banks and the Gorse Hill. Bins have been procured and will be erected when they arrive. Completed.

1. **WORKING WITH OUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

VE day plans – update. A short update had been received by all from Mr Edwards. Mr Avery gave an overview of the first meeting. It was agreed to buy 4 silent silhouette Tommie’s from the RBLI to go next to all the roads coming into the village. LP to buy. It was proposed and agreed to ensure an extra decoration of the cross for VE day LP to arrange.

1. **PLANNING**

**APPLICATIONS**

18/04476/OUT – Outline application for a rural workers dwelling to serve Heddon stables Ltd. Appeal hearing 17th March 10am Ponteland Leisure Centre. Noted

20/00588/ADE – Advertising and signage for the land south of Selman Park – comments to be in to the clerk by 31st March.

**APPLICATIONS GRANTED OR DENIED**

1. **FINANCE AND ASSETS**Sign off Feb/March invoices – Agreed and signed off

KP to get prices for a new alarm system for Library following decoration. Ongoing

May meeting both Council and residents – it was agreed to have the meeting on the second Wednesday in May in the library at 19.00 for the residents and 18.30 for the councillors as usual. Virus permitting. Standing order/financial standing order review this will be reviewed as part of the meeting all to read and propose any changes.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Email – resident Speeding Campus Martius. This complaint was noted and updates that Councillor Jackson has passed it on to highways programme.

Email – ACC meeting minutes. All info had been sent out from our representative on the Airport meeting and also the historic overview of issues for the new councillors.

1. **COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE**
2. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

AK to organise Litter pick for the Easter holidays. MK to do risk assessment. AK to contact gossip to advertise dates and to ensure Knot Hall are contacted re start times and LP to arrange rubbish pickup.

Library to be closed Tuesday/Wednesday for painting. LP asked for volunteers to take down notice boards by Monday. It was decided to ask David to do it.

Meeting closed at 20.25 and a meeting of the trustees of the Memorial park Charity was called

