**Heddon on the Wall Parish Council**

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# **MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of Heddon on the Wall Parish Council

Wednesday 10th June 2020 @ 19.00 by Internet Conference Call \*

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -** Mr Edwards (Chair), Mr Adams, Mr Knox, Mr Young, Mrs Cruickshank, Mr Keller, Mr Jackson. Clerk (Mrs Pringle). Apologies Mr Avery had technical problems in attending the call.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Mr** Edwards declared that in future he will need to declare an interest in points regarding the Knott Memorial Hall. Mr Adams and Mr. Young declared an interest in Selman Park.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Wed 13th May 2020 –** No issues minutes signed off
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (if not covered elsewhere)**

Neighbourhood plan –AA deferred to next meeting as Mr Avery had technical issues attending.

Milepost B6528 – It was decided to leave the milepost where it is unless the missing part can be found and it can hopefully be fixed and moved.

Age UK parcels – These arrived with the Knott Hall and the clerk helped deliver them.

1. **MAINTAINING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL**

PE Memorial park shrubs – The park is looking great at the moment thanks to the volunteers, pruning is now included in the general upkeep.
Grounds Maintenance update – reply sent re feedback.

* Playground Safety Surfaces Welfare Field – Final price for required work. It was decided to move forward with the middle priced company who provided a good quote, the lowest price company are currently uncontactable and the highest double the cost of the other two. **KP to contact company and MK to meet with them before work commences regarding changes.**
* Clean and repaint names and inscription Memorial Coss – Prices have been agreed. Waiting until after pentecost cross decoration. **LP to contact company regarding re commencing this work**

Hedge cutting Selman Park/Corona Virus signs – No changes to be made re hedge cutting, Corona Virus signs have been put up.

Butterfly comments social media – **MK will request a full cut for the butterfly next week and a professional plan to be made to return the land to it’s former meadow status.**

It was decided to replace the bin at the top of Taberna Close ramp with a square green bin with a top cover price £170 plus VAT. **KP to order bin and organise set up.**

**Prices have been requested for work to improve drainage on Chare Bank and into the east end of the Memorial Park MK**

1. **IMPROVING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL**

PJ to arrange road markings at bus stop Hexham Road – no update PJ has taken this forward again.
Purchase and Install Hanging Baskets – A timeline needs to be fixed regarding the baskets as we are still awaiting permission from the County Council, the suppliers of the plants are concerned that they may not have enough to supply the quantity required in time. It may be neccesary to defer some parts of this plan for this year.

Facebook update – A proposal has been made regarding social media and will be sent around the councillors next week an online sub-committee meeting will be held on wed 24th June at 19.00 for any comments to finalise proposal and look at regulations to go in the standing orders.

1. **WORKING WITH OUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

Pavement Report Discussion including overview of the meeting with NCC. Steve Christie from Northumberland County Council met with Councillor Mark Keller on 27th May 2020 for a walk around the affected paths in Heddon those pointed out by the residents association and the paths notified by the Parish Council. He took photos and will report back to his team who will get back to us regarding possibilities. NCC were also reminded of the path running from Taberna Close to the filling station which was authorised by NCC for repair in the 2019/20 Local Transport Plan and has not yet been done.

A document showing the paths discussed is available on the PC website [www.parish-council.com/Heddononthewall](http://www.parish-council.com/Heddononthewall). Documents library reference section.

The council understand that there are many other paths in Heddon that could benefit from improvement but have prioritised the most used paths in the worst state to push forward to NCC. If residents see any specific areas needing urgent attention please report these to the County Council via the reports section of their website [www.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk) or by phone on 0345 600 6400.

1. **PLANNING**

Due to COVID restrictions planning has been coming in by email and has been distributed to the councillors directly for comments. This was considered effective and it was decided to ensure that all future planning would be circulated and discussed in this way, then noted on the minutes of future meetings.

## **APPLICATIONS**

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1. **FINANCE AND ASSETS**Sign off May/Jun invoices. Invoices were agreed and signed off.
2. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Email – NALC letter, now going forward to national government.

Email – NCC resurfacing of Hexham Road, Houghton to Blue Bell. Good job has been done with this which is now underway but there are concerns that tarmac has been left in the drains **LP to report drains on B6528 to NCC**

Email – NCC weeds, to be done this week weather permitting. This has now been done

Email – resident village herb patch. Noted

Email – resident tree plantation next to MUGA trees cutting out light in resident’s garden. **LP to get price for cutting trees.**

1. **COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE**

This has been a critical time for the County Council in ensuring things go well and services are retained during the Corona Virus crisis with services like bin collection, grass cutting, pot hole repair carrying on and with household waste sites opened as soon as possible and community support for vulnerable and shielded people.

* The Council has given £84 million to 7,600 businesses in loans to ensure they will still be working at the end of the crisis.
* £4 to £6 million in B&B packages and also cash grants to support care homes.
* Free PPE and infection control support.
* Throughout the crisis our schools have done a sterling job in continuing to look after vulnerable children and the children of key workers. Over 2/3rds of our schools have been open throughout and the vast majority of our Northumberland schools are starting to reopen to further year groups.

Within the council many other staff have stepped in to cover and ensure the core services have gone ahead.

Road repairs are now starting and Peter was pleased to report the work starting on Hexham road between Heddon and Blue Bell Cottages.

Peter has agreed to help the Parish Council to pay for some minor tarmacking which will be included in the pavements plan. The council thanked Peter.

**LP to ensure Peter has full info on Slip road regeneration and a Copy of the NCC plan, bus stop repainting and the minor tarmacking request and confirm the info we are awaiting.**

**MK to send info on paths including the agreement on the LTP.**

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor co-option – To go ahead now **LP to advertise co-option**

It was decided to hold the July meeting virtually and then look to the next meeting in September to be an in person socially distant meeting.

Selman Park – Email received re groups of youths congregating at Selman Park, parking in passing places and in the football field next door. All residents are advised that if they see anything that should not be happening anywhere in the village they should ring the Police on 101 or 999, who will deal with it in the appropriate manner. Selman Park was closed during the COVID 19 crisis, now open with social distance warning signs posted. **LP to check current opening restrictions. RA to get a price for another CCTV camera. LP to ensure blind copy used on mails to external sources. LP to ask PJ regarding passing place signs.**

Tap for Knott Memorial Hall – **PE to raise with the Memorial Hall Committee**

**Meeting closed at 20.15**



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