**Heddon on the Wall Parish Council**

**Heddon Parish Council - Here to maintain and improve our village for all**

# **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of Heddon on the Wall Parish Council

Wednesday 8th July 2020 @ 19.00 by Internet Conference Call \*

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -** Mr Edwards (Chair), Mr Adams, Mr Avery, Mr Knox, Mr Young, Mrs Cruickshank, Mr Keller. Clerk (Mrs Pringle). Apologies Councillor Jackson
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –** PE Knott Memorial Hall, RA/RY Selman Park
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Wed 10th June 2020 and sub- committee re social media 28th June,** Agreed and signed off.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (if not covered elsewhere)**

Neighbourhood plan –AA - As Mr Avery has had difficulties in being heard it was decided to hold this topic to the next in person meeting hopefully in September.

1. **MAINTAINING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL**

Grounds Maintenance update.

* Playground Safety Surfaces Welfare Field – Final price for required work. KP to contact company and MK to meet with them before work commences regarding changes**.** MK has spoken to the company Work starting Monday 13th July
* Clean and repaint names and inscription Memorial Cross – **LP to contact Company again and request work done by end of August.**

Butterfly –Now full of large weeds again this will be left until it’s next cut in early October to be raked out and removed, a full professional weed clearing plan will be put into place next year. Paths will be cut around the garden at the moment.

Prices Memorial Park/Chare Bank paths. **MK obtaining prices which have been requested.**

Resident comment tree plantation next to MUGA trees cutting out light in resident’s garden.The Parish Council will investigate the option of thinning the trees and the difference that would make before consulting again with the residents. LP to speak to Tree surgeon.

Wasps nest allotments- has been removed

RA to get a price for another CCTV camera at Selman Park. This has been done and approved by the Council. **LP to check with PJ if anything has been done regarding passing places signage.**

1. **IMPROVING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL**

PJ to progress road markings at bus stop Hexham Road, passing places East Heddon Road, ongoing issues with a lack of tree cutting on the slip road, permission to improve trees between bus stop/garage B6582, permission to mount baskets on lamp posts.  
Purchase and Install Hanging Baskets – On hold now until next year as permissions have not been received and it has been difficult to get plants with Covid issues.

Facebook update – update re sub-committee meeting. It had been agreed to go live last week and give feedback at this meeting but unfortunately this did not happen. **LP to send minutes and PC wording to MK. DK/MK to send links to clerk to be sent out to the PC when all is ready.**

1. **WORKING WITH OUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**
2. **PLANNING**

## **APPLICATIONS**

2019/0300/01/DET – changes to environmental report, Dewley Hill. Noted no extra feedback on environmental report

## **APPLICATIONS GRANTED OR DENIED**

20/00743/FUL erection of rural workers cottage – Denied - Noted

20/01534/FUL garden wall Blakely Hill Cottage – Granted - Noted

1. **FINANCE AND ASSETS**Sign off Jun/Jul invoices – agreed and signed off

Budget monitor Q1 – No worrying points in the, noted that utility company bills have been delayed with Covid 19 issues. Underspend will be rectified soon.

Clerk authorisation for bill payment August – It was agreed to authorise the clerk to pay all normal bills in August provided two signatures had been sought. Proposed PE seconded RA/RY

Changes to standing orders – Changes to the financial regs regarding the amounts payable had not been amended since 2017. It was agreed to change them to; Clerk can authorise in situations which may affect the Health and safety of residents i.e. emergency tree surgery up to £500, Clerk and two councillors can authorise up to £1000 in same H&S situation.

There had been a typo in the standing orders on the amount of the jobs required to go to formal tender it was agreed that this will now read up to 50% of the precept.

It was agreed to add a section on Social media –

Any item to be posted as a commentary from the Parish Council must be authorised in content and wording by the Chairman.

Posting made by the moderator or administrator of the social media site will state as follows: posted by the administrator on behalf of Heddon on the Wall Parish Council. Should you wish to contact the Council regarding this post or any other issue please email [heddonpc@gmail.com](mailto:heddonpc@gmail.com)

The only items accepted by the site as from the Parish Council will come from the Chairman or the clerk. Only items which carry this statement are the authorised view of the Parish Council, to be the view of the Parish Council they have to be discussed by the council at a council meeting or be general information already in the public domain i.e. roadworks

Members of the council to remain cognisant of any post or reply they make with any views to ensure that they could not be construed as from the Parish Council or mentioning the Parish Council unless approved by the Chairman or the Clerk. Members of the council are permitted to post their own comments, but to ensure that these are clearly their own views or adverts and not on behalf of the council. Agreed by all to ensure common sense prevailed.

**LP to amend documents and present at next meeting for formal sign off.**

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Email – NCC local government Code of conduct Consultation – Sent to all councillors

Email – Builders rubbish – NCC stated that they have spoken to the builders and when all Covid 19 restrictions have been lifted they will remove the rubbish

Letter – Hedge next to Welfare Field. It was agreed to tidy up the hedge belonging to the Parish council. **LP to contact tree surgeon**

Email – Concerns at the use of slug pellets in tubs. PC will supply pet friendly pellets to volunteers. **RY to source pellets.**

1. **COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE –** No update available
2. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Plants stolen from one of the allotments – This incident has been noted and should there be more the Parish Council will consider some more permanent security measures.

It was proposed to buy goal posts for Selman Park to stop people trying to use the seniors’ team goalposts. Councillor Cruickshank said she would personally sponsor them. Thanks were expressed from all members of the PC.

**The meeting closed at 20.10**



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