**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

Tuesday 15th September 2020 @ 19.00 by Internet Conference Call \*

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -** Mr Edwards (Chair), Mr Adams, Mr Avery, Mrs Cruickshank, Mrs Irving Munro, Mr Knox, Mr Keller, Mr Lillico, Mr Young. Clerk (Mrs Pringle). Apologies Councillor Jackson.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –** Selman Park - Richard Adams, Robert Young
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Wed 8th July and the co-option meeting on Tues 25th August –** Minutes were agreed and signed off.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (if not covered elsewhere)**

Councillor Co-option – The chair gave a warm welcome to our new councillors Mrs Lesley Irving Munro and Mr Adam Lillico and it was stated that we hope to have an in person meeting as soon as possible for everyone to get to know one another better.

Neighbourhood plan – Mr Avery is hoping to have a document circulated soon regarding this topic.

1. **MAINTAINING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL**

Grounds Maintenance update.

Butterfly - **MK** will request a full cut for the butterfly and a professional plan to be made to return the land to it’s former meadow status**.** This will be cut back and raked off next month as per the original plan with a much fuller plan put into action for the next growing season to remove the large invasive weeds.

Prices Memorial Park/Chare Bank paths – A plan has been made regarding drainage channels to improve this piece of ground **MK to contact NCC pathways officer for approval**.

Tree plantation next to MUGA trees cutting out light in resident’s garden. Latest feedback is that prices are as follows

* Cut down stand of trees £2200, this rejected due to residents feedback.
* Lower trees by a third £1800 this was rejected at the current time due to residents feedback and concerns regarding how quickly the trees would regrow.
* Thin out trees to take out the tallest trees and open out the canopy for more light £1200, this would retain the privacy and noise baffling attributes of the copse and slow down rapid upward growth.

It was decided to go for the third option subject to the agreement of the residents. **LP to mail residents. MK to confirm trees to remove.**

New notice board procedure. – Seems to be working well with people using the boards and keys still in place.

Aerating, fertilising and top dressing of Selman Park for decision. This has been suggested to combat fungus and improve ground. Cost quoted £450 it was agreed to go ahead with this and to include it in the budget going forward. There was also a discussion surrounding the future use of Selman Park regarding accessibility to all, future funding, renting out space etc. It was decided to hold this until February when hopefully Covid restrictions may have stabilised.

Councillor volunteer as library liaison and new members of the finance committee. The councillors were asked to consider their roles going forward. **LP to provide all with a list of the roles, who currently is involved and any vacancies.**

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 and passing places east Heddon Road. – MK held a meeting with John Alderson Tree and Woodlands Officer NCC, on Monday 14th Sept walking around several sites the Parish Council would like to see improved and escalation of various reports. The outcomes as follows

* Cutting back the trees on one side of the slip road to form a horse or pedestrian way to improve safety on the road which runs from the A69 slip road to Heddon Service Station, the County Council will do this before Christmas.
* Parish Council plan to tidy up trees, foliage and hawthorn hedging on the B6528 Hexham Road from the Service station to the Roman Wall including the area around the bus stop. The Parish Council is currently awaiting permission from NCC to do this piece of work. A form has been provided and information to hurry along this process **MK/LP to get form sent in.**
* Trees on Chare Bank affecting Heddon Service Station, NCC to cut in the next two weeks.

Facebook update and Heddon PC website. No update, however LIM agreed to be take a lead role in the Facebook Project and Andrew Knox in a project to improve the website.

LTP – NCC highways programme, 3 nominations for next year 2021/22. It was decided that the councillors would mail their suggestions to the clerk before the closing date on 11th October.

Garden Volunteers meeting, possible dates and times. It was agreed to go ahead with this meeting in the socially distant way suggested and with several meetings being held for all volunteers. **LP to arrange.**

Goal posts Selman Park. It was agreed not to go forward with the childrens goalposts until next summer as use of the park would be limited over the winter.

Signage triangle Heddon Banks. It was agreed to get some prices for a nice signpost to guide people clearly to the Roman wall etc. but there were concerns regarding what may be happening at the shops. **KP to look at types and prices**

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

## **APPLICATIONS**

20/02146/FUL – extension 280 Hexham Road – no objections

20/02259/VARYCO and 20/02257/VARYCO – changes to windows on approved plans for Rudchester Farm

## **APPLICATIONS GRANTED OR DENIED**

20/00545/FUL – horse ring at South Houghton Granted

20/00588/ADE – Non illuminated signage Victrix Park- Granted

20/02146/FUL – Extension 280 Hexham Road, Granted

1. **FINANCE AND ASSETS**Sign off Jul/Aug/Sept invoices – Invoices were agreed and signed off.

Changes to standing orders/financial regulations – for decision – it was agreed to adopt the changes made to the standing orders.

Financial regulations letter of passwords etc. for chair. Emergency procedure was explained to the councillors so that there could be a continuity of use of the PC finances in case of illness/incapacity of the clerk.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Email – sport Tynedale Donation – It was decided against donation to Sport Tynedale as in previous years

Email – Rural Town/market Group – It was decided not to join this organisation as there were too few parishes in our area for it to be helpful. The Parish will remain a member of the East Tynedale Group

Email – Memorial service wreath laying – The Parish Council will be laying a wreath this year and will be represented by Mr Keller if the ceremony has to be small.

Email – Resident Speeding Hexham Road/path - Circulated

Email – NCC local plan consultation - circulated

Email – resident BMX cyclists setting up on bottom common again. Reported NCC and circulated councillors

Email – Resident rope type climbing frame – made safe whilst awaiting new part, circulated

Email – Resident A frame adverts for the Dell - circulated

Email – NCC pavement licences - circulated

Email – PKF Littlejohn successful conclusion of audit – circulated

Email – Resident Centurion Way concerns regarding building – circulated - cannot be discussed until when and if planning or preplanning is applied for. An overview was given for the new Councillors.

1. **COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE**

No update this month

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was stated that the pruning done by Karbon homes to improve the parking areas on centurion way was not enough. **LP to report.**

There were concerns that the tables outside the Dell were erected without planning permission. **LP to report.**

There is a broken sign on the Military Road. **LP to report.**

It was noted that the tree surgeon did some work in the Welfare Field free of Charge.

Meeting closed at 20.19

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