**Heddon on the Wall Parish Council**

The minutes of the Heddon-on-the-Wall Parish Council meeting,

Held on 15th June 2016 at 7.00pm in Heddon Library

Six local residents attended the presentations and two stayed for the council meeting.

Before the meeting two representatives from Newcastle Airport Helen Hughes, Environmental Advisor, and Jim Wylie, Air Traffic Control Manager, gave a presentation on levels of aircraft noise.

In 2004 routes were changed to try to avoid the villages of Heddon and Throckley. After many successful years the airport got approval for this to be a Standard Instrument Departure (SID) route where it is pre-programmed into airline computers but when it went into use this year there was an error in the design by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) which means that it is no longer functional and routes planes over Heddon. This was reported by members of the public and noticed by Air Traffic Control.

To rectify this issue the route has been redesigned and is currently being trialled by one of the airlines as soon as a formal report is received from them, which is expected to be very soon, there will be two months lead time before the new route can go into regular use to allow airlines time to rectify their flight computers. So it can be confirmed that the issue of aircraft noise will have improved by the end of the year but hopefully before that. In the meantime SID has been cancelled during the morning peak of flights and aircraft are being manually controlled by Air Traffic Control. This will continue to happen until the problem is rectified. The airport apologise for the error in design.

There were several questions.

Will anything change due to Airport Consultancy on new houses i.e. Throckley? No the route will remain the same.

Why Airport haven’t answered a letter sent on 19th April? The Airport representatives apologised.

What happens about the night flight that comes over at 23.30? This is a mail flight and is on the agenda for discussion for the next ATC watch managers meeting.

There was also a presentation by local resident Emma Cannon regarding the schools issues affecting local children.

Within the change from the current three tier system to a two tier system it means that children will stay at Heddon school for an extra two years. There are concerns that there has been no educational justification given regarding this change which will leave children isolated and with no access to the greater facilities the middle school offers in terms of Sports, clubs and more varied lessons than the first school can provide. Many parents are concerned that their children will be missing out.

It is not too late to lodge objections as all avenues are open until the 23rd June.

Councillor Jackson stated that 94% of parents rejected this proposal and voiced concerns about the infrastructure of the village being able to cope with a larger school especially that this would mean a potential 60 extra vehicles twice a day in a village which is already challenged as regards to parking, speeding and traffic safety.

The Parish Council meeting started at 19.40

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**Present: Mrs Gardner-Medwin (chair), Mr Armstrong, Mrs Cruickshank, Mr Tailford, Mrs Thompson, Mr Stewart, Mr Young, Councillor Jackson, Clerk (Mrs Pringle). Apologies Mr. Adams and Mr. Iley.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Robert Young – Sports Field rent. Louise Pringle – clerk salary. Alisoun Gardner Medwin – employing painter.

1. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th May 2016**The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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| **Owner** | **Action** | **Status** |
| L Pringle | Formal complaint to NCC re. Unauthorised use of agricultural buildings. | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Add Airport to June agenda | **Completed** |
| R Young | Repair surface under swings in Welfare Field | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Renew bark under swings Welfare Field | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Speak to Mr.Haddon | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Arrange fence repair on allotment 8. | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Arrange paperwork for new Assets officer | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Report Chevron sign Rudchester crossroads | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Price replacement sign for Welfare Field | **Completed** |

1. **FINANCE**

Clerk contracted pay increment and NALC increase for Clerk and Assets Officer – Approved\*

Authorisation of repairs under £100 and with Health and Safety Implications for Clerk to arrange without full council approval – Approved

Sports Field rent increase – As there has been no rent increase on the Sports Field for several years due to problems with water it was proposed to increase the rent to £2000 per annum which equates to £38.50 per week which was approved. It was also decided to start charging a nominal fee for use of the field, This item needs further discussion before being resolved. An update on the Sports Field compensation claim from the water board was given.\*

\*These two points were discussed in a closed to press and public session at the end of the meeting

1. **PLANNING**

**Applications**

 [Replacement of 1 no. exiting 14.70m monopole including 3 no. antennas and 1 no. 300mm dish antenna with 1 no. new 17.50m monopole plus additional 1 no. 300mm dish antenna, removal of 1 no. equipment cabinet, installation of 1 no. new equipment cabinet plus ancillary works.](https://publicaccess.northumberland.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=O7FGIKQSHP400) Open for Comment

T-Mobile Communications Mast Birk Road Heddon-On-The-Wall NE15 0HF

Ref. No: 16/01743/FUL | Received: Fri 20 May 2016 | Validated: Fri 20 May 2016 | Status: Registered

 [Proposed steel framed monopitch agricultural storage building](https://publicaccess.northumberland.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=O70N5UQSHJR00)

Land East Of Birks Road Birk Road Heddon-On-The-Wall Northumberland

Ref. No: **16/01650/AGRGDO** | Received: Thu 12 May 2016 | Validated: Thu 12 May 2016 | Status: Granted

**16/01853/ADE** | Advertisement Consent: Installation of 1no. notice board providing information of vicar, services and events | St Andrews Vicarage The Towne Gate Heddon On The Wall Newcastle Upon Tyne Northumberland NE15 0DT

**Granted**

**15/03380/FUL – Tulips Yard erection of 4 dwellings on brownfield site of previous haulage yard**

**16/01294/ADE – The Swan, retrospective permission to display 1 external sign and illuminated latters**

**Refused**

**16/01300/LBC – Rudchester Farm Cottage, Listed Building consent for refurbishment of Farm Cottage**

A discussion was also held regarding the Greenwich hospitals development in Throckley where we had been advised by Throckley residents that all site traffic would be re-routed through Heddon and down Hexham Road to Throckley without consultation with anyone in Heddon. The clerk had put in an objection it was decided that the chair would also object and mails would be sent to Highways at Northumberland County Council.

1. **ASSET UPDATE**

Zurich Playground Inspection report – All items in the report have been actioned.

Painting of Bus Shelter and Welfare Field gates – Approved.

New bin Welfare Field – Approved and it was decided to go with a square metal bin.

New meeting time – It was decided that for next year the AGM and residents meeting day/time would be changed so as not to affect the tenants in the library. The parish Council meeting will remain on a Wednesday but we will see how it goes at 19.15

Uneven flag stones in the Memorial Park – This is a health and Safety Issue and will be fixed.

1. **RESIDENTS MEETING MINUTES – Accepted by the chair.**
2. **RESIDENTS MEETING POINTS**

**Speeding and dangerous parking in Heddon** - Areas particularly affected speeding Hexham Road, Trajan Walk near School and Towne Gate, parking Issues on Aquila Drive, and Hexham Road for School. It was decided to form a sub-committee to look into this subject as proof would be needed then lots of different solutions would need to be debated before moving forward Mrs Gardner Medwin, Mrs Thompson and Mr. Stewart volunteered for the committee and it was decided to invite some of the many villagers who had complained about these issues and our local Police Constable.

**Potholes Hexham Road** – Councillor Jackson took this up and many of them have now been marked for repair.

**Grass Cutting Opposite the Roman Wall** – We had a word with the resident who normally does this he will be incapacitated for a while and Northumberland County Council will be asked to do it in his absence. There were also complaints about the amount of weeds in the foot paths around the village, we will speak to the County Council regarding this.

**Dog Fouling** – 60 posters have been put up around the village, an article was placed in Heddon Gossip and the vets and the dog grooming parlour have been approached to ask them if they were recommending people exercise their dog in the Welfare Field they would provide bag. We would like to ask all residents to be vigilant and if they see someone who is not picking up to ask them nicely to do so or to report them on the Northumberland County Council website.

**Request for a Police Surgery** – The regular Police Surgeries seem to have stopped council to find out about them.

1. **ALLOTMENTS**

Unpaid invoices – several more invoices have been paid this week with only two outstanding these will be chased up quickly.

One of the allotments is very untidy a previous letter was sent to the tenants but it has not been rectified it was decided to return the fee paid and withdraw the allotment.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**
2. E Mail: Resident – Speeding Trajan Walk, see item 9.
3. E Mail: Resident – Speeding Towne Gate, see item 9.
4. From Mrs Cruickshank – Caravan parking on verge, this issue has now been resolved.
5. From Mrs Cruickshank – Overgrown bushes on the cuts between Remus/Aquila and Aquila/Campus, contact County Council.
6. From Mrs. Cruikshank – Change of window in Trajan Walk, was planning required? It was not.
7. From Mrs. Cruikshank – Complaints by resident regarding payment for cutting Leylandii hedge Taberna Close. It was explained that this job was necessary for the enjoyment of all residents of Taberna Close. After many complaints had been made the council paid for this. As the hedge backed onto a public space and not a private garden we are unable to force the resident to pay and the County Council do not do private hedge trimming.
8. **CORE STRATEGY**

Councillor Jackson discussed the review of the Core Strategy which is currently taking place and urged the Council to proactively review it. This consultation on major modifications to the plan runs from now until November and include 900 extra houses in Hexham and Ponteland, the councillor is concerned that the newest population projections have not been taken into account.

The meeting closed at 21.20

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| R Young | Repair surface under swings in Welfare Field |  |
| L Pringle | Order seat Station Road |  |
| L Pringle | Speak to Mr.Haddon |  |
| L Pringle | Arrange fence repair on allotment 8. |  |
| L Pringle | Organise finance committee meeting |  |
| L Pringle | Order bin for Welfare Field |  |
| L Pringle | Organise fixing of path Memorial Park |  |
| A Gardner Medwin | Arrange traffic Calming Committee and host first meeting |  |
| L Pringle | Arrange Roman Wall Grass cutting with NCC |  |
| L Pringle | Ring NCC to arrange weed killing |  |
| J Stewart | Check on Police surgeries |  |
| L Pringle | Chase up allotment payments |  |
| L pringle | Ring NCC re cuts between Remus/Aquila/Campus |  |

