**Heddon on the Wall Parish Council**

### The minutes of Heddon Parish council Meeting held on **Wednesday 12th October 2016 @ 7.15pm** in Heddon Library

*.*Louise Pringle

Clerk to the Council

# Justine Graham attended from Heddon School, she outlined schools proposals re. Butterfly planting on Heddon Common. The school made a video presentation of a project they have done to identify butterflies and wild flowers existing in this area. The school have raised £300 and would like to put it towards an information board to be sited in the area. The children have made an example of how the board would look and some ideas for the info to be contained in it.

# AGENDA

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Present: Mrs Gardner-Medwin (chair), Mr Armstrong, Mr Adams, Mrs Cruickshank, Mr Tailford, Mrs Thompson, Mr Stewart, Mr Young, Mr Iley, Councillor Jackson, Clerk (Mrs Pringle).

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Young – Sports Field

1. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th SEPT 2016**

Proposed, seconded and signed off

1. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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| **Owner** | **Action** | **Status** |
| L Pringle | Council to advertise new Police surgeries | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Open a new bank account | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Prepare circulation of planning applications | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Contact Proludic regarding climbing frame | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Contact NCC for a better bin beside the Roman Wall | **Completed** |
| R Young | Spray weeds under play equipment in field | **Ongoing** |
| A Gardner Medwin/R Young | Organise sapling and hedge cutting Welfare Field | **Completed** |
| R Young | Have a word with landowner re hedge cutting | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Organise skip for allotment tidy up | **Completed** |
| R Young | Check water issues allotments/Halls | **Ongoing** |
| R Young | Organise work to bench Station Road | **Ongoing** |
| I Armstrong/ A Gardner-Medwin | Choose signs to be used for Roman Wall, decide on exact site, commission artwork | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Mail residents of Forge House regarding trees | **Completed** |
| A Gardner-Medwin | Contact Resident regarding Lime Tree Welfare Field | **Completed** |
| A Gardner-Medwin | To contact Church regarding Library path | **Completed** |
| H Thompson | To comment on transport plan | **Completed** |
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| L Pringle & I Armstrong | Formal complaint to NCC re. unauthorised agricultural buildings | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Repair Surface under swings Welfare Field | **Ongoing** |

A thank you to the residents of Forge House for painting the fence.

Comments on the transport plan included later buses and parking both at the school and throughout the village.

1. **COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE**

The county council has recently acquired Manor Walks Shopping Centre in Cramlington for £83 million and are still looking at selling the current county hall and building a new one in Ashington.

The building works needed at the local schools to allow them to work into the new two tier school system will probably take an extra year than originally anticipated.

There will be another consultation on core strategy coming out next month.

New houses 4000 are being built in Ponteland/Callerton, 900 in Hexham and 250 in Corbridge

1. **FINANCE** Heddon PC Budget projection – The current budget projection is running to plan even with the expenses for the Sports Field Changing Rooms. There is a worry about the amount of cuts the field has had to get it back into condition after the flooding. This will be queried before payment.

NCC Budgeting – Concerns about cutting of NCC services in 2018/19 and onwards, How can we be ready.

Asset Officer hours – It was decided that the Sports Field Changing rooms will be looked after by Mr. Young and Mr. Adams for the time being so no extra hours are required.

1. **PLANNING**

**Applications**

16/03137/FUL | Single story extension to side creating new kitchen and play room with loft conversion for 2 new bedrooms and en-suite facilities | 1 Aquila Drive Heddon On The Wall Newcastle Upon Tyne Northumberland NE15 0BS – No Objections

16/03190/FUL | Redevelopment of existing commercial brewery site providing for 10no. new build dwellings and 6no. conversions including demolition of existing modern agricultural style buildings and bungalow | South Houghton Farm Hexham Road By Houghton Farms Heddon-On-The-Wall NE15 0EZ-

No objections to the conversions however the new builds seem like over development with too many properties in a small space and houses not in keeping with the stone builds of the area.

16/03374/LBC | Listed building consent for stripping off existing pantile roof and geotextile membrane and replacing membrane and replacing pantile roof with new pantile slates. | Whitchester Farm U9038 Military Road To Whitechester Junction Whitchester NE15 0HU – No objections

**Granted**

16/02670/FUL single story extension to side to provide living and dining room with a pitched roof. 34 Antonine walk.

1. **ASSET UPDATE**

Electrical Outage – Library power went out last week for half a day, National Power Grid had informed the wrong people that their power was going out so those informed had power while people who had not been informed had no power.

Boiler - The council was informed that a new boiler may be required for the library soon if the recent fix is not successful.

Cleaner required – Notices are up for a new cleaner. There have been three expressions of interest and one will be chosen very shortly.

1. **KNOTT MEMORIAL HALL**

Donation to help with accountancy costs and refurbishment. It was decided and voted upon to donate £600 to the Knott Memorial Hall

1. **CENTURION WAY**

Hedge Cutting – The hedge at the side of the valley on Centurion Way is so high that people sitting on the benches cannot see the view. It was decided to cut this hedge.

Parking (RY) – There are laybys for parking on Centurion Way. However people do not use them due to sap dropping from the trees. It was also suggested that more parking be put in in front of number 8. This was requested several years ago by the council but vetoed by the County Council. The council is unable to do anything about this as the whole area is run by the County Council via Isos. The council supports both of these points and would be happy to write a letter in support of letters/photos from the residents.

1. **BUTTERFLY GARDEN**

Grass Cutting/School Proposals – an overview of this site was given regarding its set up in 1999 as part of the millennium project. The council was essentially in favour of the School’s proposal, but to enable the butterfly garden to function correctly it needs to be carefully managed and to work out the best way forward the council will seek professional advice. The council will keep the village school informed on progress.

1. **SPORTS FIELD CHANGING ROOMS**

Progress Report – Roof now on. Awaiting quotes from NEDL and the Northumbria Water regarding connection for services. Difficulties have been experienced regarding waiting for payment until the next council meeting which could be over a month away from various suppliers. It was decided by vote and seconded that the clerk could pay bills that were within the budget for this project only directly without authorisation via Internet Banking, gaining the subsequent authorisation at the following meeting or by cheque signed by the signatories outside of the PC meeting.

Restitution of grass after flooding- The PC voted to pay the bills for this as it is the legal responsibility of the Council to keep the grass in good condition. Mr. Young was not in attendance as he had declared his interest in this subject.

1. **HADRIANS WALL SIGNS**

Progress Report on table top maps – A meeting was held regarding this issue and there are two ways forward due to the fact that the resident involved in the design is not available until January to do this and the boards need to be ordered before the end of November to utilise lottery funding.

* 1. Use the local resident and pay for the boards in full ourselves.
  2. Use the company recommended by the Roman Wall trust and utilise the lottery funding.

The council felt that not enough info was given for either option and agreed to reconvene to vote on this issue as soon as the correct info was available.

1. **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

Progress Report - Five residents are going for training in using the speed detectors, this should enable the gathering of evidence to put forward to the County Council for more speed measures in the village.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**
2. Post: Ash tree Camilla Road – Tree surgeon to check the health of this tree.
3. Verbal: van parking opposite garage. As Mrs Cruickshank had already left, this was not discussed.
4. Post: Northumberland archives – Thanks were given by the archives for the village documentation that has been deposited there. The Chairman signed the letter confirming our deposit.
5. Phone: Heddon service station, glass recycling and aircon units – This item was not discussed due to the time, but a reply will be given as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 21.55



**11/10/2016 skip hire allotments £150.00**

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| **Owner** | **Action** | **Status** |
| L Pringle | Price for trimming Beech hedge, welfare Field |  |
| L Pringle | Open a new bank account |  |
| L Pringle | Price for new wooden fence, Welfare Field |  |
| L Pringle | Get some new basketball nets |  |
| L Pringle | Set up insurance Sports Field Changing Rooms |  |
| R Young | Spray weeds under play equipment in field |  |
| R Young | To stop grass cutting Sports Field |  |
| R Young | To query grass cutting bill with contractor |  |
| I Armstrong | To formulate objection regarding South Houghton |  |
| R Young | Check water issues allotments/Halls |  |
| R Young | Organise work to bench Station Road |  |
| I Armstrong/ A Gardner-Medwin | Choose signs to be used for Roman Wall, decide on exact site, commission artwork |  |
| L Pringle | To make available Knott Hall Charter |  |
| R Young | Arrange hedge cutting Centurion Way |  |
| L Pringle | Check land registry for the owner of land in front of Centurion Way |  |
| I Armstrong | Arrange for professional advice regarding the butterfly area. |  |
| A Gardner -Medwin | To get fuller info on the tilt top boards for the Roman wall walkers |  |
| L Pringle | Get Trevor to look at the ash tree Camilla Road |  |
| L Pringle | Repair Surface under swings Welfare Field | **Ongoing** |