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### Minutes of the meeting of the Heddon on the Wall Parish Council

**Heddon on the Wall Parish Council**

On **Wednesday 14th February 2018@ 7.00pm** in Heddon Library

*.*Louise Pringle

Clerk to the Parish Council

Three residents came to discuss a proposal to have a chainsaw sculpture made in the tree recently felled at Taberna Close. The idea is to make an iconic sculpture which reflects the spirit of the village and involves both the local community and school. The Council agreed in principle and the residents group agreed to return when they had some strong ideas and prices.

Heddon Juniors Football Club coach came to discuss a storage container they want to put up at Selman Park to store their equipment in. Planning permission is not necessary but permission is needed from the PC and the landowner to secure funding. See section 9.

MINUTES

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -** Present **:** Mrs Gardner-Medwin (chairman), Mrs Thompson, Mrs Cruickshank, Mr Pyle, Mr Armstrong, Mr Young, Mr Stewart, Mr Avery, Councillor Jackson, Clerk (Mrs Pringle). Apologies, Mr Adams.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –** Mr Young, Selman Park. Mr Avery, Welfare Field Fence
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th January 2018 -** Minutes were agreed and signed off
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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| **Owner** | **Action** | **Status** |
| R Young | To check space in welfare Field fence for safety | **Completed** |
| I Armstrong | Organise cutting for Butterfly Garden and volunteers | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Price from tree surgeon re east Welfare Field | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Send in precept | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Arrange new signatories for bank account | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Send contact list with Alisoun’s mobile number | **Completed** |
| K Pearson | Price for 5 green fingerpost signs | **Completed** |
| R Young | Price for fencing – sports field | **Ongoing** |
| P Jackson | To investigate possibility of pedestrian crossing | **Ongoing** |
| P Jackson | Contact highways regarding parking Taberna Close | **Ongoing** |
| H Thompson | Provide Knott Hall users document | **Completed** |
| R Adams | Organise carpark work Selman Park | **Ongoing** |
| A Gardner Medwin | Organise a meeting to sign off Selman park agreement | **Ongoing** |
| ALL | Inspect fence/trees an east of Welfare Field | **Completed** |
| A Gardner-Medwin | Contact Mr Martin re sports field procedures | **Completed** |
| A Avery | To speak to resident re vegetation on bus shelter | **Ongoing** |
| A Gardner-Medwin | To check regarding bin Station Road | **Completed** |
| A Gardner-Medwin | Contact Council re hedge Hexham Road | **Completed** |
| A Gardner-Medwin | Arrange community speed watch Hexham Road | **Completed** |
| A Gardner-Medwin | Request safety review barrier Hexham Road | **Completed** |
| L Pringle | Start land registry | **Ongoing** |

Several improvements have been made to the fence in the Welfare field to improve safety until a new fence can be installed.

Bin for station Road will be provided by Hadrian’s Wall Trail.

Fingerpost signs are £25 plus VAT, it was agreed to order the four signs which would then be put up by Mr Fish NCC.

Authorisation was given to Mrs Pringle to collect paperwork from the solicitors, collate and copy it to allow for the land registry applications.

1. **COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE –** There is currently a 20 mph plan being developed for areas around the school. This plan will be finalised this week and brought to the Parish Council for comments. There will then be a consultation procedure for all residents before the plan finally goes into production.

The County Council is now revising its budget for 2018/2019 with more funding going to young people and adult services. Northumberland is now the county with the largest percentage of older people. The council will be taking off the charge for children post-16 on school buses. Investment in schools and roads will continue and over a million pounds is being put in between central government and NCC to fix potholes in the county where many of the most persistent holes will be cut out and fixed properly.

Next summer the road between Houghton and Holeyn Hall will be resurfaced completely and the section of road recently done outside the Three Tuns will be done again as the outside contractors used defective materials.

1. **FINANCE**

Sign off of Jan/Feb accounts – ADT/phone the accounts were agreed by the councillors and signed off. The assets manager is currently looking into new alarm service providers for the library due to 3 price rises in 2.5 years.

Library and Selman Park Rent – It was decided that any arrears of 3 months would be brought before the council.

New Data Protection law update- This law is coming in May. It was thought that the clerk might be able to take the post of Data protection officer but it looks as if this may not now be the case.

Website weather widget- It was agreed to put this on the website. Our current web manager is leaving the area so this job will be taken over in the short term by the clerk and when we see how much time is involved may be revisited later on.

1. **PLANNING**

**Applications**

**Applications Granted**

17/04376/FUL – The Cottage, Heddon Banks, retrospective wheelchair access fire escape

17/01286/FUL – redevelopment of commercial brewery site providing 7 new build houses and 6 conversions (Re-submission)

1. **TRAFFIC CALMING**

Flashing speed signs – update, the signs are currently on hold until the school 20 mph policy is decided as it looks as if the 20mph flashing school sign will take precedence on the B 6528. However this could do 20mph for the school at school times and 30mph at other times. Should this be the case the money can then be allocated to another flashing sign east of the village or on the Millitary Road. It was also discussed making the section of the B6528 between Heddon and Houghton 40 mph. This will be brought up at the meeting with the County Council mentioned in section 5.

Community Speed watch – organised for Hexham Road when the weather improves.

1. **SPORTS FIELD CHANGING ROOMS**

Authorisation new tenancy agreement. It was agreed that the Chairman and Parish Clerk would go to Allerburn Farm to meet with Councillor Young and his wife to sign the papers there.

Seats – Donation - it was decided to order these seats

Storage container – The idea was agreed in principle. It was decided that the container would be no more than 24 feet long and preferably much less. It may need to go on a hardstand. All costs would be borne by Heddon Juniors Football club. All decisions re. placement, hardstand etc. would be decided by Mr. Adams and Mr. Young. Mr Duffy would return to the Parish Council next month with the final plans for the project to be authorised by the Parish Council.

Mr. Duffy also complained about dog mess on the site so it was decided by the council to have a strictly no dogs policy at Selman Park. However as this was not on the agenda and had not been notified to councillors early enough it will be formally discussed at the next meeting.

1. **WELFARE FIELD**

Registration with land registry – update – see section 4 solicitors paperwork required.

Fence and trees on east side for decision – It was agreed to get quotes for several styles of 6ft high fencing.

Stone walls at entrance – the council was informed that this wall has missing areas of pointing and is leaning out. It was decided to get several people in to look at it and see what needs doing.

Grit Bin – The grit bin at Taberna close is also to be used for the ramp at the Welfare Field

1. **TABERNA CLOSE**

Ideas for improvement councillor to work with residents-

New bin to replace the concrete bin at the top of the ramp next to Towne Gate

New sign for the shops on Towne Gate – This has been agreed and a standard wooden footpath sign will be provided by the County Council.

Wall next to the short ramp needs repointing.

It was agreed to plant a Rowan Tree in the autumn, as it won’t get too big in the space left by the Cherry Tree which was cut down last year.

The grit bin will be moved to a space beside the post box.

An idea had been put forward to have stairs leading from Heddon banks to the space left by the cherry tree but it was decided that these would be too steep and dangerous when icy.

1. **FOOTPATHS**

Selman Park, Hadrian’s Wall Trail, map – It was agreed to order the footpath signs for Selman Park and arranged for the two councils to work together to cut the hedges where the County Councils machine can’t reach. Costs will be reimbursed to HPC by NCC. A hedge is being cut and paid for by HPC which no longer belongs to the council. This cutting will be cancelled.

The bin for close to the railway line at the bottom of Station Road will probably be provided by Hadrian’s Wall Trail as it is part of their route.

Fly Tipping – this is occurring again on Mill Lane and the County Council enforcement team are on the case.

1. **LIBRARY**

New lead volunteer – John Gillett is the new lead volunteer for the Community Library, and he will be assisted by Ted Burt. The council would like to thank them for volunteering. The Parish Council would also like to formally thank John Clark for the great job he has done looking after the library. John will be staying on as a volunteer and we all look forward to seeing him regularly.

1. **OVERHILL**

Low hanging cable – Thanks to Hazel for all of her work in getting this cable removed by Karbon Homes.

1. **GORSEHILL**

Councillor to work with Hadrian’s Wall Trust – Graham Pyle volunteered to work with the Trust on the Gorse hill.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**
2. Email: Resident pavement Gritting Plan – a resident will be coming forward with a list of areas to include in a gritting plan utilising the grit bins.
3. Email: Resident seats and hedgerows Military and Slip Roads – It was decided to remove the seat on the slip road and to renovate the seat on the Military Road when the weather improves. The resident was also concerned about growth of the hedge on the left of the road when you are traveling west. This hedge does not belong to the County or the Parish council so the council is unable to cut it.
4. Email: Stamfordham Doctors closing
5. Email: Resident internet security – there was a problem with a resident paying a council bill. This was rectified by the company and the service cancelled so there would be no further problems.
6. Email: Highways A1 2week closure with diversions 2nd March – notice on boards
7. Email: Airport noise monitors – It was decided to contact both residents groups regarding the noise monitors.
8. Email: NCC additional grass cutting £628 plus VAT – Agreed to go ahead for 2018/19

The meeting closed at 20.55

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| I Armstrong | Organise cutting for Butterfly Garden and volunteers | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Price from tree surgeon re east Welfare Field | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Collect and collate paperwork from solicitors |  |
| L Pringle | Arrange new signatories for bank account | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | Arrange NCC meeting for school 20mph plan |  |
| K Pearson | Order fingerpost signs |  |
| R Young | Price for fencing – sports field | **Ongoing** |
| P Jackson | To investigate possibility of pedestrian crossing | **Ongoing** |
| K Pearson | Order seats for Selman Park |  |
| L pringle | Contact resident group re noise monitors |  |
| R Adams | Organise carpark work Selman Park | **Ongoing** |
| A Gardner Medwin | Organise a meeting to sign off Selman park agreement | **Ongoing** |
| L Pringle | To get wall contractors to look at Welfare Field wall |  |
| A Gardner-Medwin | Arrange signing meeting with Robert |  |
| A Avery | To speak to resident re vegetation on bus shelter | **Ongoing** |
| A Gardner-Medwin | To get Mr Hulse to look at Welfare field wall |  |
| A Gardner-Medwin | Letter to J Clark |  |

