**Heddon on the Wall Parish Council**

Minutes of the meeting of Heddon on the Wall Parish Council

On **Wednesday 13th March 2019 @ 7.00pm** in Heddon Library

*.*Louise Pringle Clerk to the Council

Before the meeting there was a presentation by the Banks Group regarding the Opencast mine proposal at Dewley Hill, Throckley. 10 residents attended the presentation and there was a group of protestors outside from Throckley. The presentation was given by Gemma Dickinson, project manager and Stewart Proven, planning. This site has not yet gone through planning at the local council stage there have been previous applications which have been unsuccessful and Banks is altering the design to address the issues stated. This is a joint project with Ibstock bricks at Throckley to extract 800,000 tons of industrial high grade coal and 400,000 tons of fireclay to be used in the brick making process. The site runs up the fell road on the right hand side and along to the white cottage and back down towards the motorway with the entrance being between the A69 roundabout and the farm on the Fell road providing easy access for Lorries to the A69. The developer will set aside £100,000 for local projects and £50,000 to help people get back into work. At the end of the project all paths and wagon ways will be reinstated with extra paths and woodland. There will be bio- diversity trials while the site is working to ensure wildlife is not too affected. People concerned about dust and noise, this has to be addressed for the safety of the workers and also the local population and has not been an issue at the company’s last site at Shotten. There were concerns raised regarding excess traffic, the company stated that as they run their own waggons these could avoid the busy school times. If the project is successful in passing the planning stage it would start in spring 2020 and go for 3.5 years, there will be no extensions as this is a clause in the application. There was not time to have questions from the residents, the chair offered to arrange a village meeting but this was declined. See presentation document at….

http://www.parish-council.com/Heddononthewall/documents/parish%20council%20minutes/2019-03-mar-dewley-hill-presentation.pdf

There was one resident at the meeting to discuss planning and one regarding the airport.

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** present **-** Mrs Gardner-Medwin (chairman), Mr Adams, Mr Young, Mr Pyle, Mrs Thompson, Mr Avery, Mrs Cruickshank, Clerk (Mrs Pringle). Apologies – Mr Stewart, Councillor Jackson
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –** Mr Young and Mr Adams, Selman park
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Wed Feb 13th 2019 –** Agreed and signed off
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA**

**RY to check ramp Taberna Close -** Ongoing

**JS to arrange further info from Branches re hard/soft landscaping. -** Ongoing

**LP to arrange internet access and add bank signatories -** Ongoing

**KP – To arrange for radiators to be fitted at library – T**his has been organised but the job is not completed yet.

**LP to contact prospective tenant re decision –** Completed tenant signed lease starting 1st March

**LP to sort out right to cultivate agreement for Taberna Close -** Ongoing

**KP to arrange work on play equipment-** Organised for between 01/20 April

**KP to get prices for painting the goal posts and sweeping the playing surface and also so prices for resurfacing the playing area as a long term development.** Ongoing

**AGM to send letter re Tulips Yard.-** Completed

**LP to check whom V. Ave Wall belongs to -** Ongoing

**RY to arrange storage shed – I**t has not been possible to find anyone to erect the shed and HSA will have to do it themselves

**KP to arrange for hanging of signs etc** - Completed

**LP to arrange for HJFC to be informed of decisions taken at this meeting -** Completed

**LP to put airport noise statement on PC website -** Completed

**AGM to reply to resident re aircraft noise -** Completed

**LP to write and place the advertisements for councillor vacancy –** Completed one application has been received. Closing date 20/03/2019

**AGM to reply to the residents association -** Completed

**KP to request grit bin for Campus Martius -** Completed

1. **COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE -** No update available
2. **FINANCE LP**

Sign off Feb/Mar – Finance was agreed and signed off.

Library leases – it was agreed to migrate library tenants onto new contracts to mirror terms agreed with new tenant. **KP to produce new lease for sign off by PC.**

Agreed national paygrade uplift applied – for information only

Information Commissioners Office FOI case pending – The council has received a complaint from the ICO, on information it has supplied to a resident regarding a consultation with Newcastle International Airport. The resident did attend the meeting and the council was able to state that it has not withheld any info and has supplied everything it has. **AGM to confirm this in writing to the resident and the ICO.**

A committee has been formed to answer the ICO case officer when their specific complaint comes in Mrs Gardner Medwin, Mr Young, Mr Adams and Mr Pyle. It was agreed to pay for the extra hours done by the clerk regarding the airport and preparing the submission for the ICO. **LP to prepare extra hours for payment.**

1. **PLANNING**

Revival of planning committee

**Applications**

19/00557/FUL infill plot between 17 Heddon Banks and 1 Centurion Way | Land East of 17 Heddon Banks Centurion Way Heddon-On-The-Wall. New 2 storey dwelling with parking and access The Parish Council has decided to object to this development for the following reasons.

The project will have an adverse effect on residential amenities compromising the right to light and sun light to the people in number one, parking on the street is also very limited with the ex-authority houses having no drives and on street parking being required. The situation of the drive will remove some parking and also be dangerously close to the bend for vision on entrance and exit.

This is an infill site which the Parish Council hold very dear as with the situation of the village most development available is for infill sites but this application strikes us as overdevelopment and garden grabbing with the proposed development being far to large for the space available.

Parking availability within the development is inadequate and may force more parking on the street. There are also been concerns regarding the ridge height of the development being too high. The council wold like to request a site visit before any decision is made.

**AGM/AA/HT to meet and format the objection to the development 1A Centurion Way. LP to report the objection**

**Applications Granted**

18/04151/FUL 8 Valerian Ave Front extension

1. **NEIGHBOURHOOD ISSUES**

Hedge/pointing Mithras Gardens – The tree surgeon recommended leaving the cherry tree and just removing the ivy. It was agreed to go forward with these two items. **LP/KP to arrange hedge and pointing**

Butterfly meeting update – On consultation with a resident with experience in meadow management it has been decided to strim the butterfly meadows twice a year and remove the clippings. The large weeds would not be allowed to seed, large weed plants to be removed and wildflower plants to be planted. Two more volunteers have been identified. Plants and butterfly species will be recorded.

Mowing and cross cleaning Memorial Park – The resident who mowed the memorial park and Taberna Close has retired and the Parish Council would like to thank him for his hard work over the years. A new person has been identified who will start when the grass needs its next cut. The lead writing and the front of the cross has been cleaned using the guidelines prepared by historic England. This will be done again before the memorial service. It was discussed to clean the plaque at the gate. **AGM to check the info supplied by Historic England on how to do this.**

1. **SELMAN PARK**

Renting the field and facilities – it was decided there would be no sports played on the seniors pitch over the summer to allow the grass seed and grass to develop in the highly used areas. Separate parking areas will remain.

Blocked toilets – It was decided that if this proved to be something which happened regularly and it can be proved which teams supporters did this then they may be asked to pay for it.

1. **NEWCASTLE AIRPORT**

Complaints from resident – see section 6 regarding ICO case. There will be no other info except that which was given today until after the ICO case is closed.

Request for name of ACC representative - Councillor Graham Pyle has agreed to represent Heddon on the Airport Consultative Committee, following the retirement of the previous representative, Mr Iley. This information, including Councillor Pyle’s name, will be published on the Heddon Parish website in the Minutes

Date of next Community Update Meeting 19th March

1. **RESIDENTS MEETING**

Requests re Welfare Field – for agreement it was agreed to give permission for the association to clean the equipment if it was done after the repairs have been done. **LP to inform RA when work has been done. AGM to write and LP to send letter**

Letter 3 with various requests. – For consideration of reply all sections of the letter were considered **AGM to write reply and LP to send letter.**

1. **VILLAGE SURVEY**

Update – the village survey has been sent out to all of the councillors and the general consensus is that it is too long **AGM to seek advice from CAN on how to shorten**

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Resident email – Resident Military Road – Dog fouling litter picks etc.

Email – Scope, request to site clothing banks, it was decided that there is no-where suitable to locate a clothing bank and there is one close enough at Throckley for ease of use of residents.

Email – Resident gate Welfare Field. This was reported as broken and has been fixed,

13/03/2019 Plants (Smalkin) £55.17

11/03/19 Gate welfare Field (D Irving) £25.00