**Heddon on the Wall Parish Council**

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

On **Wednesday 10th April 2019 @ 7.00pm** in Heddon Library

*.*Louise Pringle

PC Davidson did not attend the meeting Clerk to the Council

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** present **-** Mr Adams, Mr Young, Mr Pyle, Mrs Thompson, Mr Avery, Mr Stewart, Clerk (Mrs Pringle). Apologies – Mrs Cruickshank, Councillor Jackson **-**
2. **CHAIRMANS LETTER AND VOTE FOR NEW CHAIR –** Chair roles, gardening volunteers, butterfly, village survey etc. Chairmans letter of resignation was read out to the councillors by the clerk. Nominations were asked for, for the position of chairman. Mr. Pyle was nominated by Mr Adams, Mr Avery and Mrs Thompson. There were no other nominees. Mr Pyle was voted in as chairman. Mr Pyle was formally welcomed in to his new role by Mr. Avery who also proposed a vote of thanks for the great work done by Doctor Gardner-Medwin to which all agreed. Mr Pyle also agreed to take on the village survey and the roman wall stones. **LP to get flowers for AGM on her arrival home**

Dear friends and colleagues,

I am sorry to have had to leave in so abrupt a manner.

Clearly I had to step down as Chairman at once, and I have decided to resign as a councillor also because my body is old and it's going to be a long time before I am back to full health.

It makes me very sad to say goodbye to you all. I have enjoyed nearly 6 years as a member of Heddon P C, and am honoured to have been chosen by you as Chairman for the last four.  I have made several mistakes, I know, but also we have together achieved some good things.

You are a great team, and when you have elected your new Chairman and chosen 2 more councillors to complete the number, I know you will go on to look after Heddon Parish extremely well.

I wish you every success in the future,

Yours aye,

Alisoun Gardner-Medwin**.**

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST-** Selman Park, Mr Adams and Mr Young
2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Wed Mar 13th 2019 –** This was agreed by all the councillors and signed off by the chair.
3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA**

**RY to check ramp Taberna Close –** This does not seem too bad and will be rechecked.

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

**LP to arrange internet access and add bank signatories –** Councillors signed several bank documents. **LP to get remaining bank signatures and send in.**

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

**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

**LP to check whom V. Ave Wall belongs to.** The wall has been fixed

**KP to produce new lease for sign off by PC. - O**ngoing

**AGM to confirm this in writing to the resident and the ICO. -** Completed

**LP to prepare extra hours for payment.** Completed **LP to pass hours on to NCC.**

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

**LP/KP to arrange hedge and pointing -** Completed

**AGM to check the info supplied by Historic England on how to do clean plaque.** Completed

**LP to put Mr Pyle’s role on website.** Completed **LP to change website again to show new councillors info**

**LP to inform RA when work has been done. AGM to write and LP to send letter.** Completed

**AGM to write reply and LP to send letter re resident’s association letter 3.** Completed

**AGM to seek advice from CAN on how to shorten survey.** Completed

**LP to inform Scope** Completed

1. **COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE**
2. **FINANCE LP**

Sign off Mar/Apr - it was agreed to sign off the financial overview

Library bench – It was agreed that **RY to seek a price for teak planks to improve the bench**

Audit – LP informed the councillors that the internal audit was taking place on the 16th April and the external audit would be for sign off at the next meeting.

VAT – 2018 VAT return has been completed.

Timing annual meeting -It was decided that the annual meeting would take place on the 15th of May with the PC meeting at 18.30 and the public meeting at 19.00 **LP to send info to Mr Pyle for his public meeting presentation. LP to put up notices and add to website**

1. **PLANNING**

**Applications**

**Applications Granted/Refused**

18/04521/FUL 2 dwelling with associated access track Birks road Granted

18/04460/FUL 5 camping pods land next to Heddon Banks farm Cottage Refused

1. **NEIGHBOURHOOD ISSUES**

Roman Wall stones. – An overview of the situation re the stones from a resident was given with the outcome at the minute being left to Newcastle and N’land archaeology. Mr Pyle to take point on this project.

Dog Fouling – This is still an issue at the butterfly area. Unfortunately this is a very difficult area for residents to catch and report dog owners. The PC has already put bins and signs in that area.

Litter Pick - Mr Stewart arranged and took part in a very successful litter pick and the councillors unanimously want to thank him for his hard work. It was agreed to erect a bin on the Military Road next to the bench. **KP to buy bin and arrange erection** **on Military Road.**

Dingle Dell sign - It was agreed to report the Victrix signs on Hexham Road to the County Council as a planning violation as they are forming a trip hazard on the path. It was also agreed that the lit up signs were not in keeping and would also be reported. **LP to report The Dell signs**

Speeding Hexham Road and Military Road – it was agreed that that this remained a problem we are still awaiting two flashing speed signs for Hexham road from the County Council so that will be reviewed again at that point.

1. **SELMAN PARK**

Safeguarding complaint from HJFC – The juniors club reported issues with members of the senior club urinating where they should not be. **GP to investigate and have meetings with both clubs**

Security at Selman Park – It was decided to get a price to fix the fence next to the gate so it will not be so easy to enter the park **KP to get a price for Selman Park fence**

Signs for Wildcats – It was agreed to allow a sign to be put up on the fence in the ground.

HJFC request another hut to be paid for by them – It was agreed that this would be allowed the hut needs to be the same as the ones currently there and can be erected on the left hand side of the car park where a space has already been made for it. HJFC need to pay for the hut and the concrete base. **GP to inform HJFC of this decision at his meeting with them.**

1. **NEWCASTLE AIRPORT**

Further discussion with ANAG – A meeting has been held with this organisation and they have taken down the requested posts on their website. They would like some input into the survey questions on the airport, we will await the return of the survey before taking a decision on this. Regular meetings will be held with ANAG.

1. **RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

Letter 4 with request for play area to be fenced in the Welfare Field – For consideration of reply. – It was decided to get a price to fence in a certain area of the young children’s play equipment and then dependant on the results of the village survey later on in the year we would be ready if the residents thought this was a good thing. **LP to write to the residents association re the Welfare Field.**

1. **LOCAL AREA MEETING**

Overview – Mr Stewart was unable to attend this meeting so no overview is available JS

1. **VILLAGE SURVEY**

Update - This survey is now with CAN to be put into a final format. We did receive a price from another company but it was double the price from CAN.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Resident –gift of documents regarding the sale of land for the Bainbridge estate – **LP to give these documents to the historical society**

Letter – Seafarers Merchant Nnavy day 3rd September Fly the red ensign – It was decided against taking part as the village has no flag pole

Letter NCC – Consultation on street naming and numbering the 5 new houses in the Tulips development to be called 1-5 Tulip mews – It was agreed that this name would be fine. No objections **LP to report Tulip Mews decision to NCC.**

The meeting closed at 20.30

