**Heddon on the Wall Parish Council**

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

On **Wednesday 11th September 2019 @ 7.00pm** in Heddon Library

*.*Louise Pringle

Resident RE Holly Trees Welfare Field

The holly trees were planted in the Welfare Field in place a rotten chain-link fence which was removed. The trees have not been watered or staked or weeded around, many have fallen over or broken and the resident was not happy with this as a solution. **MK to visit site and give recommendations**

**AGENDA**

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -** Mr Pyle (chair), Mr Adams, Mrs Cruickshank, Mr Young, Mr Keller, Mr Avery, Mrs Thompson. Clerk (Mrs Pringle). Apologies Councillor Jackson. At 19.10 the council was joined by its newly voted in members Mr Andrew Knox and Mr Paul Edwards
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Mr Young and Mr Keller Councillor co-option.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Wed July 10th 2019 – T**he minutes were agreed and signed. It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be changed to October 16th. **LP to advertise date change.**
4. **MINUTES COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION –** The interviewed candidates were nominated and seconded by Mr Pyle and Mrs Thompson. Mr Young abstained from the vote for Mr Andrew Knox and he was voted in unanimously by the rest of the councillors. Mr Keller abstained from the vote for Mr Paul Edwards and he was voted in unanimously by the rest of the councillors. The new councillors then joined the meeting and were welcomed by all. **LP to inform NCC and send in forms for new councillors**
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

LP to get remaining bank signatures and send in. Signatories for the Coop Bank have now been revised. Barclays is still outstanding and forms were passed out to fill in.

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

KP to get prices for resurfacing the playing area as a long term development at the MUGA. Prices were given running at approx. £17,000 for tarmac and £24,000 for artificial grass. The Parish Council do not have enough to pay for this and it was decided to approach the FA, Sport England, the airport and Councillor Jackson to see if it would be possible to get some donations that the Parish Council could then match. **GP to mail PJ**

KP to arrange a meeting between GP/RA and one of the tenants of the library re new lease and regular payments. KP to carry on with meeting arrangement. LP to send letter re court proceedings. – Payments are now up to date.

KP to provide alarm company call out procedure for library for discussion at the next meeting. **KP to remove the call outs section from the contract but leave the fire alarm as is.**

ALL ideas for VE day and Northumberland day – it was decided not to take part in the relay for Northumberland Day. VE day to remain on the agenda

KP to organise bin at the end of the BOAT - Completed

LP to contact County Council re bridle way – Completed meeting to be held 12/09/2019

PJ to arrange road marking at bus stop Hexham Road - Ongoing

19/01406/FUL – LP to contact planner to ensure they are aware that Councillor Jackson and Mr Opperman have been invited to see the site. Completed

KP to arrange seat painting. KP to check Overhill and Methodist Chapel seats/RY to seek a price for teak planks to improve the library bench. It was decided to renew the wood on all the benches over the winter. **KP to arrange with maintenance.**

LP to get tubs delivered to Allerburn. – Completed but they have not been taken out yet.

MK to arrange the staking of the hollies. - Ongoing JK to tidy ramp up to field to be paid at minimum wage. - Completed

LP to give this approval to remove all dead vegetation to AGM. - Completed

LP to arrange Co-option or election. - Completed

RY to source prices for notice boards – unable to do this as contacts no longer do notice boards **KP to source prices for new notice boards**

GP to write to Construction Company. Completed LP to contact Council re lettering the coach park completed

MK to contact company re litter pick equipment – Equipment is available when ever needed by the Parish Council, contact MK. **AK/MK to arrange a sponsored litter pick for the half term holidays all monies to go to resurfacing the MUGA.**

MK to arrange for a mock up Facebook page to be made so the Councillors can see how it works and what permissions are available.- Ongoing LP to find out about training for Parish Councils on Social Media Cost would be £300 but could be offset by inviting other PC’s

1. **COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE**
2. **FINANCE & ASSETS**

Sign off July/August/September (Invoice CCTV support SP £20 per month query) it was unanimously agreed to pay the CCTV support figure. All accounts were agreed and signed off.

Bus shelter roof - **KP to organised clean-up of vegetation and work to be done, GP to write to residents re keeping vegetation under control.**

Library printers - New printer has been bought and two old non-functioning ones disposed of

Library painting and gas – gas contract has been renewed for three years. **KP to get prices for painting.**

1. **PLANNING**

**Applications**

**Applications Granted/Refused**

1. **NEIGHBOURHOOD ISSUES**

Roads – update from John – Towne Gate to be resurfaced wk. comm. 07/10/2019 info on notice boards. Still no news on Calvus Drive but it will be included in the Council priorities for the Local Transport plan.

Resident’s fence Calvus Drive – resident complaint about a higher fence erected to take place of old one. GP visited site and as the fence is 2m high and within the permitted regulations the Parish Council are unable to do anything regarding this, there were suggestions that the resident could put up their own internal fence or cover up the spaces.

Roman Wall Stones – In the latest update these have been taken by the developer who plans to use them as a feature in the gardens.

Strim butterfly – request for payment for a worker to do this and remove the clippings and report. The report was circulated before the meeting and it is great to here that the butterfly is starting to improve with the hard work of the volunteers and many thanks to them. MK/RY to check butterfly and get the strimming done, it was suggested that due to the location of the plot that it may be best to rake up the trimmings then pile them to one side instead of taking them away. The Parish Council agreed to pay for this to be done if it was felt too much for the councillors volunteering.

Fibre Broadband issues Hexham Road – An email from a resident was circulated before the meeting, none of the councillors were aware of any private lines.

Vermin Issues Campus Martius – Vermin issues are dealt with by the County Council. GP to put guidelines regarding how to deal with vermin into the gossip again.

1. **LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN**

Ideas and decision for the three highways priorities for 2020/21. After much discussion it was decided to go with the following suggestions. (In no particular order)

Resurfacing of Valerian Avenue and Calvus Drive these are getting so bad they are becoming dangerous to all road users.

Reduce the speed limit/traffic calming on East Heddon Road this road is becoming much busier with horses stabled at the farms, traffic using it as a cut through from Ponteland for children coming for school, golfers to Close House etc.

Resurface the triangle at the junction between Station Road and Towne Gate which has turned to cinder.

The blocked drains and gunnels which caused flooding on Marius Avenue several weeks ago were also discussed. **MK to provide photo of flood and LP to report to NCC.**

**LP to write and send in recommendations for Local Plan**

1. **SELMAN PARK COMMITTEE**

Date for next meeting – it was agreed to hold the next meeting on Thursday 19th Sept at 18.00 regarding activities going forward at Selman Park

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Email - NCC Annual Town and Parish Council meeting 3rd October 16.00/18.00 **GP to attend NCC meeting**

Email – Environment agency licenses for those who take ground water. Info on website/noticeboards

Email – Highways England re Hexham junction A69 Info in library

Meeting closed at 20.45

