**Heddon On The Wall Parish Council**

**Heddon Parish Council - Here to maintain and improve our village for all**

# **MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of Heddon on the Wall Parish Council Wednesday 08th April 2020 @ 17.00 by Internet Conference Call \*

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -** Mr Edwards (Chair), Mr Adams, Mr Knox, Mr Young, Mrs Cruickshank. Clerk (Mrs Pringle). Apologies Mr Keller and Mr Avery both had technical problems in attending the call. Mrs Thompson resigned Thursday 2nd April therefore did not attend.

The chair took the time to thank Mrs Thompson for her many years of service (over 25 years) to the council. It was agreed to supply some flowers in thanks now then get a voucher for a meal at Close House when the current Corona Virus restrictions are lifted.

The chair also thanked Mr Adams for making the meeting possible by guiding people on how to use the technology.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –** None
2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Wed 11th March 2020 –** Minutes were agreed RA to sign off a copy as chair of the meeting and pass to the clerk. Minutes of the Memorial Park Charity minutes were also agreed and signed off.
3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (if not covered elsewhere)**
4. **MAINTAINING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL**

PJ to arrange road markings at bus stop Hexham Road – No update
KP/MK to get price for surfaces under play equipment – Prices are now all in but with Councillor Keller unable to attend the meeting it was decided to put it on hold.

Milepost – B6528 resident email – There has been no answer from the County Council regarding whether we can have this or not, it was decided to retable it for June after the current crisis.

Grounds Maintenance update – PE using update provided by Mark – this was run through basically but no decisions have been made due to Councillor Keller being unable to attend the meeting. It was agreed to have another meeting to cover this before the next PC meeting if required. It was agreed that feedback would be requested from the garden volunteers, the residents association and Branches regarding the 2020 landscaping plan.

* Refresh All Containers across village belonging to the PC – Awaiting feedback
* Purchase and Install Hanging Baskets – Awaiting feedback from NCC regarding hanging baskets off lampposts, we have three quotes from local firms to supply.
* Support to Armed Forces and War Memorials – football match arranged, tommies bought,
* Playground Safety Surfaces Welfare Field – Quotes have been received.
* MUGA surface refresh Welfar Field. On hold
* Clean Sandstone Wall & Relay / Clean Paving Memorial Garden – The moss has been removed off the wall paving etc. on hold
* Clean and repaint names and inscription Memorial Coss – Prices have been agreed. Plan to finish cleaning the memorial and re-painting the letters currently on hold until after the current problems
* Tree Works Thinning out and pathways A69 Slip / Hexham Road Junction. Quotes have been recieved
* Suggestions for use of Open Area in Welfare Field i.e exercise machines
* Bin Intsallations – Memorial Garden, Allotments, Military Road, Gorse Hill and Heddon Banks Completed
* Pavement refresh Tarmacing and Relay Surface – awaiting vist from NCC
* Re-establish path past Houghton Farm to Close House – This work has been started by NCC
* Overgrown Public Pathway along A69 slip road both East and West Sides. Permission required from NCC on hold until after current situation.

Sincere thanks to Mark Keller for all his hard work on the landscape plan.

1. **IMPROVING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL**

Tub Champions and volunteers to be consulted on all plants. Way forward to be agreed.
Consider costs of providing hanging baskets on all lampposts on Towne Gate and at all bus stops. Ongoing MK. It was agreed that the plan could be sent out to the volunteers for comment whenever required by Mr. Keller.
Facebook update – No update

7. **WORKING WITH OUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

From comments received by the residents association it was decided that the council need a disaster recovery plan which can be put into place quickly should anything similar to the current situation happen in future.

RY to put up tommies which have arrived, one next to the Heddon sign on the slip road, one in the Memorial Park and the two others where possible on the roads into the village.

RY to provide size for stickers to state the councils name to the Clerk.

1. **PLANNING**

## **APPLICATIONS**

## Planning Consultation 18/01207/FUL South Houghton Farm Hexham Road By Houghton Farms Heddon-On-The-Wall NE15 0EZ amendment. This was noted no further action.

**APPLICATIONS GRANTED OR DENIED**

Planning Consultation 19/03490/FUL Rudchester Farm Cottage Rudester Northumberland NE15 0JA - granted

1. **FINANCE AND ASSETS**Sign off Mar/Apr invoices these were signed off except the cheque for the business rates on the Changing rooms at Selman Park. LP to investigate whether the PC are eligible for rate relief.

Annual residents Meeting date change, this will be held at the end of this current crisis. Info on new AGM rules, the PC AGM can be held back until 2021 and any necessary decisions can be made at any PC meeting before that time.

Budget monitoring Q4 and decision re year end monies. The PC was within budget this year. There is £32,000 in the current account left over after budget from the last 4 years. It was decided to leave £22,000 of this in the account for works already in the pipeline ie. Hanging baskets/containers, trees on the entrance to the village on the B6528, tarmac area, welfare field surfaces for play equipment etc. And to save £12,800 which can then be used for any large future projects which may come up.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Email – Northumberland and Newcastle Society – It was decided to carry on with this subscription

1. **COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE –** No update available
2. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Litter pick will be potponed due to Corona Virus.

Butterfly garden looking much better, thanks to voluteers and Leedale Landscapes.

Shrubs in Memorial Park, shrubs were pruned in the Park but comments have been received that they should be lowered further to provide a better view of the cross. PE to check shrubs

The meeting closed at 17.57



\*Any members of the press or public wishing to attend please contact the clerk on heddonpc@gmail.com or 01661 854583 before the call for sign in details