

Heddon On The Wall Parish Council

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Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of Heddon on the Wall Parish Council
Wednesday 14th October 2020 @ 19.00 by Internet Conference Call *

Resident joined the call to listen and with an interest in the Memorial Park

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Mr Edwards (Chair), Mr Adams, Mrs Cruickshank, Mrs Irving Munro, Mr Knox left at 19.49, Mr Keller, Mr Lillico arrived at 19.15, Councillor Jackson. Clerk (Mrs Pringle). Apologies Mr Young, Mr Avery due to illness
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Mr Paul Edwards – Knott Memorial Hall, Mr Adams Selman Park
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 15th September** – Minutes were agreed.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (if not covered elsewhere)**
Neighbourhood plan –AA – this item will not be tabled again until Mr Avery returns.
5. **SELMAN PARK**
Review of current use of the facilities by Heddon St Andrews – It was decided to document the role played by Heddon St Andrews in the upkeep of the park and return to this point when more info was available.
Review of potential future use of facilities. It was decided that prices for external users of the field would differ according to their use of the field and that fees would be nominal to cover upkeep costs.
6. **MAINTAINING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL**
Prices Memorial Park/Chare Bank paths update on drainage plan. – Mr Keller has had difficulty in contacting Mr Fish regarding the drainage plan, he will copy in councillor Jackson for help. The pruning/planting plan from volunteers was agreed subject to costs for stump removal.
No resistance from relevant residents regarding plans to thin tree plantation next to MUGA, information only this is going ahead.
New quotes to obtain/review for MUGA resurfacing, this is likely in the region of £20k, discussion on use of resources for this. - Due to the approximate cost of the type of surface required this will have to go out to tender. **LP to check process MK to provide specification of work.**
Ideas for new play equipment in the Welfare Field, north side to replace existing dated swings and recently removed climbing frame. Discuss use of south side, picnic tables and seating, more children's equipment, other ideas? Drainage will require attention.
Councillors were asked to prepare their thoughts for fuller discussion at the next meeting.
Councillor volunteer as library liaison and new members of the finance committee x 2, planning committee x 1, residents association x 1, volunteer x1. – Mr Adams volunteered for the finance committee, Mrs Irving Munro planning committee, Mr Keller for liaison with the residents association
NCC extra grass cuts 2021/22 £690.56 plus VAT for decision. This was left for decision outside the meeting.

7. IMPROVING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL

PJ to progress road markings at bus stop Hexham Road has been unable to do this due to a long term car abandoned at the bus stop. **LP to report.** Passing places East Heddon Road this has been raised as part of the 3 priorities and the Local Transport Report. Ongoing issues with a lack of tree cutting on the slip road - the NCC officer in charge has stated that this will be done before Christmas. permission to improve trees between bus stop/garage B6582 (see below), permission to mount baskets on lamp posts and passing places east Heddon Road. LP to send Peter details of the issues and councillors to copy in Peter with All mails to NCC to ensure answering.

Progress of B6528 application for tree work. At the time of the meeting there was no update however before the minutes were produced agreement was received to go ahead.

Facebook update This has now been handed over to Mrs Irving Munro who ran through lots of ideas i.e. competition for cover picture, calendars. Format of other PC pages was shown. Heddon PC website – Mr Knox was unavailable to discuss this point however LIM to contact him directly to link this in with the Facebook page. **LP to remove mention of foot and mouth.**

8. WORKING WITH OUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Email – Shrubbery 2 Trajan Walk affecting footpaths, circulated and reported NCC - Noted

9. PLANNING

APPLICATIONS

20/02839/FUL – extension 276 Hexham Road – No objections

20/02259/VARYCO and 20/02257/VARYCO – changes to windows on approved plans for Rudchester Farm – No objections

APPLICATIONS GRANTED OR DENIED

20/02259/VARYCO and 20/02257/VARYCO – changes to windows on approved plans for Rudchester Farm - Denied

10. FINANCE AND ASSETS

Sign off Sept/Oct – This was agreed and signed off

Budget monitor Q2 with expected annual spend. A brief overview was given and sent out with the minutes. The expected spend by the end of the year is much higher than usual due to many extra things being accomplished and councillors need to make careful decisions on new expenditure authorisation between now and the start of the next financial year.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Email – GNAA Donation – for decision – it was decided to donate £50 as usual. LP to organise

Email – Resident – bushes growing out of gardens on Killiebriggs and affecting Campus Martius, circulated and reported NCC.

Email – Resident speeding on station Road – circulated and reported NCC

Email – NCC pavement works Calvus Drive – circulated and added to notice boards/website informed RA.

Email – Resident The Dell, Taberna Close – circulated and replied.

12. COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

The new school in Ponteland is opening on 2nd Nov the delays because of Covid 19 have been quite short with some of the materials being diverted to Nightingale Hospitals. The Council has also been prioritising roads with lots of works going on throughout the county Covid 19 cases are high in Newcastle but significantly lower in Northumberland with the hotspots being the areas nearer Newcastle and the Tyne Corridor going further into the county the numbers drop significantly. The dash board on the County Council website www.northumberland.gov.uk gives updated daily info on cases drilling down to a ward level.

Peter was asked if all the county workers were back or if some were still on furlough, they are all back but may be still working from home.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Knott hall was featured in the Hexham Courant but were misquoted regarding use of their grant. This has now been rectified by the paper. One of the councillors stressed the need for an outdoor tap.

Armistice Day wreath laying ceremony – Due to Covid 19 restrictions this ceremony is unable to go ahead. A notice will be provided giving full information very soon encouraging people to Remember from Home to observe the silence and lay any wreaths or memorials at times to suit themselves while practising social distancing if anyone else is in the park. This decision has been taken in conjunction with the church and was made with deep regret.

The meeting closed at 20.34

At the Close of the Parish Council Meeting the Councillors, as trustees, will open and attend a meeting of the Charity Heddon Village Trust

Agenda – Review of funds available and use of said funds

Please see separate minutes of this meeting.

*Any members of the press or public wishing to attend either or both meetings please contact the clerk on heddonpc@gmail.com or 01661 854583 at least 24 hours before the call for sign in details

Expenditure				Income		
23/09/2020	Poppy wreath (L Pringle)	1360	£ 18.00	07/09/2020	NCC Precept (1/2 year)	£20,862.00
15/10/2020	NCC Payroll (Sept)	1356	£ 1,003.84	01/09/2020	Rental income (3)	£ 300.00
15/10/2020	Barrier Hexham Road (ncl metalworks)	1360	£ 730.00	01/09/2020	rental income (4)	£ 290.00
01/10/2020	Jobs Welfare Field (A beaton)	1360	£ 30.00	08/09/2020	Rental (1&2)	£ 1,120.00
15/10/2020	plants (A Gardner Medwin)	1360	£ 21.99	08/09/2020	refund Scottish power	£ 61.96
15/10/2020	All clean Windows	1360	£ 64.00	18/09/2020	rental income 4	£ 290.00
15/10/2020	Cleaning (H. clark)	1360	£ 52.50			
	Crown gas	1360	£ 19.51			
	ADT Intruder Alarm	1360	£ 57.13			
	ADT Fire Alarm	1360	£ 14.08			
	24/7 Bus Supp	1360	£ 24.00			
	SSL (electric)	1360	£ 90.02			
	scottish power (SF)	1360	£ 16.00			
	Plusnet	1360	£ 26.74			
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	24/7 Bus Supp CCTV	1360	£ 624.00			
14/10/2020	Wave water	1360	£ 97.75			
15/10/2020	Petty Cash (K Pearson)	1360	£ 200.00			
08/10/2020	NLC lock change	1360	£ 134.40			
11/10/2020	Leedale landscapes	1360	£ 1,974.00			