

Heddon on the Wall Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Heddon on the Wall Parish Council
Wednesday 10th March 2021 @ 19.00 by Internet Conference Call *

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Mr Edwards (Chair), Mr Adams, Mrs Cruickshank, Mrs Irving Munro, Mr Knox, Mr Lillico, Mr Young, Councillor Jackson. Clerk (Mrs Pringle). Apologies Mr Avery. The council voted in Mr Adams to chair the meeting until Mr Edwards arrived, he did so at 19.15 and took over from Mr Adams. 2 residents joined the call by phone.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Mr Young and Mr Adams, Selman Park. Mr Edwards Knott Memorial Hall
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 10th February 2021** - Minutes were agreed and signed off.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (if not covered elsewhere)**
5. **MAINTAINING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL**
Prices Memorial Park/Chare Bank path. Difficulty contacting Tim Fish regarding info on help for Chare Bank Path. Clerk to try again.
Bench Station Road – This will be changed to be on a concrete plinth when the weather allows
Butterfly Garden – Mr Edwards to check with Mr Keller regarding the plan so the council can go forward with this.
6. **IMPROVING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL**
PJ to progress road markings at bus stop Hexham Road this will be done still awaiting confirmation of dates. Passing places East Heddon Road. Councillor Jackson offered to pay for these works from his funds and was thanked by all the councillors.
MUGA works to commence at a date to be agreed with DCM. DCM requesting half the money upfront. Mr Edwards to check them at companies house and if that check is suitable and they can supply an approx. date to do the work and a guarantee that it will be done in a certain timescale i.e. up to four weeks after payment. Clerk has been authorised to pay £17,500 Inc. VAT.
VE day 8th May – decorating the cross. It was agreed to do an extra dressing of the cross for VE day. Clerk to action.
Facebook update – Social media policy for sign off. Everyone has seen the policy and all happy, the final copy will be sent out to be signed off at the next meeting.
Heddon PC website. Still awaiting data to be crossed over to the new website format.
Heddon Village survey arrange posting, agree date. Councillors agreed to post following places – AL, Heddon Banks, Centurion Way, Towne Gate. RY, outliers. PE Bainbridge Estate Inc. Killiebriggs. RA Vallum Estate. LIM Hillhead, Houghton, Bluebell Cotts etc. Clerk to allocate forms and ensure any streets not mentioned are added in.
7. **WORKING WITH OUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**
Thanks again for the excellent work done by the snow wardens and we look forward to receiving their next mail and things to be taking off again soon.

8. PLANNING**APPLICATIONS**

21/00347/FULL – 7 Valerian Ave, 1st floor extension to side and ground floor to rear.
Circulated, no objections.

It was mentioned in the press that there was something new about the application for the small plot of land south of Station Road. Clerk to check**

APPLICATIONS GRANTED OR DENIED

20/03975/FULL – 17 Killiebriggs, rear and side extension – Circulated, granted

9. FINANCE AND ASSETS

Sign off Feb/Mar – This was agreed and signed off the clerk pointed out that there had been an error by NCC taking money from the wrong account where she had to transfer £62.01 from one account to another to keep things correct.

Library fascia clean - now £320 for agreement. This was agreed, clerk to action.

Library change of electric supplier. – For information

Financing MUGA improvements – It was agreed that this would be too much money for the PC to pay from savings and that a meeting of Heddon Village Trust would be called for April. Check funding availability from the airport.

Clerk – Change of hours for agreement. Due to personal issues it was agreed that the clerk would lower her working hours to 10 hours per week split over two days with exceptions being made for meetings. This agreement will be reviewed at the May meeting.

Allotments – letters going out next week for next year's fees

10. SELMAN PARK

Selman Park Grant –update, received £1334, new grant for Feb now available for agreement. – It was agreed to pursue the next grant available and any subsequent grants during lock down, Clerk to action

Village football match. RA – t was agreed that the village football match could take place at Selman Park on August Bank Holiday Monday 30th August, Covid 19 restrictions permitting. Councillor proposal re clarity in rules and regulations. RY - Mr Young went through his concerns for the letter he sent to councillors regarding rules and regulations for the use of the park, who can use it, when can they use it, how much will it cost, what activities can be played. It was agreed that the Selman Park Committee consisting of Mr Young, Mr Adams, Mr Knox and Mr Lillico would meet to clarify these points. First meeting will be on Wed 17/03/2021 at 19.00 by video call. A resident will be asked to give their feedback and be part of the team when some of the basic agreements are in place.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Email – Airport Consultative Committee meeting minutes. Circulated

Email - Resident - funding Selman Park and payments from people already using it. Circulated and replied. See section 10

Email – Resident – Heddon Juniors circulated and replied.

Email – election briefing – several questions were given here regarding how to submit forms etc. and answered by the clerk. Clerk requested that any questions people had were directed to her in the first instance.

12. COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Councillor Jackson attended the meeting.

Covid 19 measures have been consuming the County Council especially in the social services departments helping vulnerable people, services have been ensuring that local services have remained high on the list of priorities. Hats off to all the council staff supporting businesses and communities by organising grants etc.

This has been a long winter which has affected the roads and salt consumption for pavements and roads has risen by 30% from last year.

We are all concentrating now on getting all services back up and looking forward to life returning to normal.

Councillor Jackson also mentioned the Roman wall celebrations for 1900 years since construction in 2022.

RA thanked the County in improvements to the verges between Close House and Wylam improving things for walkers.

The clerk confirmed to Mr Jackson that she was in touch with another council officer regarding pruning from the Heddon sign down to the A69 as the previous one who agreed to do the work has left.

Clerk to send Mr Jackson copies of the objections to the plans for 4 houses on the south side of centurion way so he can be prepared if the application goes to the county planning committee.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

At the next Knott Hall meeting a re-opening schedule will be agreed.

Roman Wall celebrations some great ideas, cycle race etc. It was also mentioned that it was the centenary of Halls of Heddon this year LC to check.

The clerk confirmed that Leedale Landscapes had removed the rubbish from the Memorial Park. A resident asked when the walk round of the park with volunteers would be taking place with the answer being when Covid restrictions are lifted sufficiently.

Meeting closed at 20.23

*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

** *Subsequent check showed no application in yet for this land*

Expenditure			Income			
15/03/2021	NCC payroll (Feb2021)	1376	£ 1,033.26	09/02/2020	HMRC refund	£ 4,750.41
11/03/2021	Website annual payment (Lpringle)	1376	£ 29.95	01/03/2021	trans from number 2 acc	1376 £ 62.01
01/03/2021	transfer for NCC waste	1376	£ 62.01	01/02/2021	Rental income (1/2)	1376 £ 1,160.00
11/03/2021	All Clean windows library	1376	£ 32.00	01/02/2021	rental income (3)	1376 £ 300.00
	Cleaning (H. clark)	1376	£ 60.00	03/03/2020	Selman park grant NCC	1376 £ 1,334.00
	Crown gas	1376	£ 120.56			
	ADT Intruder Alarm	1376	£ 59.44			
	ADT Fire Alarm	1376	£ 14.08			
	24/7 Bus Supp	1376	£ 24.00			
	SSL (electric)	1376	£ 40.11			
	scottish power (SF)	1376	£ 16.00			
	Plusnet	1376	£ 26.39			
	Plusnet	1376	£ 34.60			
15/03/2021	NCC rubbish payment	1376	£ 62.01			
12/03/2021	Wave water	1376	£ 96.10			
10/03/2021	Rent SP Q1 (R Young)	1376	£ 500.00			