

Heddon on the Wall Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of meeting of Heddon on the Wall Parish Council
Wednesday 14th April 2021 @ 19.00 by Internet Conference Call *

Resident Dr. Gardner-Medwin will be attended to present the main points of her plan for the Memorial Park

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Mr Edwards (Chair), Mr Adams, Mrs Cruickshank, Mrs Irving Munro arr 19.10, Mr Knox, Mr Lillico, Mr Young, Councillor Jackson. Clerk (Mrs Pringle). Chair thanked Mr. Andrew Avery for his hard work as a councillor and noted that he would be missed.
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 March 2021** – Minutes were agreed and signed off.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (if not covered elsewhere)**
5. **NORTHUMBRIA POLICE TOM WARD** - overview of the services being provided by Northumbria Police. The police were unable to attend due to the short notice change in timing for the meeting.
6. **MAINTAINING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL**
Prices Memorial Park/Chare Bank path.- No update LP to push again.
Memorial Park suggestions document – A presentation was given by Dr. Gardner-Medwin, resident and member of the volunteers for the memorial park regarding going forward. The volunteers are looking forward to the park walk around to decide which plants are needed. It was decided to put in the past any comments the volunteers had with previous pruning and go forward united to support the park. It was agreed that a company could be sought to do a professional redesign in the winter. Clerk to contact Halls regarding their previous help in the park.
Butterfly Garden – this needs some serious work PE to check on what is required.
Tulips Mews retaining wall to Towne Gate – The wall joining the properties and Towne Gate needs renovation, This was reported by the Parish council to the county planning enforcement team in May 2020 before the development was finished and again March 29th 2021 where a reply has not been forthcoming. PC help payment for repointing was discussed but it was decided that this needs to be pushed strongly with the planning enforcement team as the wall looks structurally unsound and as such should be dealt with by the county/developer.
7. **IMPROVING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL**
PJ to progress road markings at bus stop Hexham Road and passing places East Heddon Road. See item 13
MUGA works paid half, date TBC*

Planters and hanging baskets – It was decided that even though agreement has been received from NCC it may still be too late to get this going forward for this year. LP to contact Halls, for feedback on the chosen baskets with a view to buying them for next year and regarding price/ requirements for filling up the containers around the village for this year. AGM stated that the only containers being looked after currently by volunteers are those at Taberna Close.

Pavement flooding Taberna Close – reported to NCC by the Parish Council and the nursery.

Facebook update – Social media policy was proposed by PE and seconded LC and RY so will be adopted forthwith. LIM to go forward with an area for business in Heddon to advertise. Heddon PC website. - Still going ahead but quite slowly.

Heddon Village survey closing date 30th April. LP to contact CAN after closing re results.

8. **WORKING WITH OUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

Hopefully with Lockdown coming to an end this may start up again.

9. **PLANNING**

APPLICATIONS

20/03389/FUL Land south of Centurion Way, This application went to the County Council Planning committee, the meeting was attended by Peter Jackson as part of the committee, a concerned resident who lodged an objection to the development and Mr Richard Adams, parish councillor. After objections due to parking, over development and not fitting in with the local area it was decided that a site visit would be arranged so the committee could see the problems. Clerk to check date of site visit. It was felt that there would be development on the site however it was important to make that development acceptable to local residents.

20/04165/FUL – Conversion of stables to overnight accommodation. Building south of Mount Hope forge. Circulated, no objections.

APPLICATIONS GRANTED OR DENIED

21/00347/FUL – Side first floor extension and rear ground floor & Valerian Ave NE15 OEA granted

10. **FINANCE AND ASSETS**

Sign off Mar/April finance – agreed by all and signed off

Internal and external audits – it was explained that this is the clerks focus at the moment.

Library Alarm call out list, new members required. PE to be the secondary contact for the Alarm call out. KP to arrange a short training session for Paul. PPE for opening of library if required. This was agreed that the PC would be happy to provide this if needed.

Decision for next meeting digital or in person? Re NALC guidance. It was decided to go for an in person meeting if the law allows on that date if not another virtual meeting may be necessary.

Overview on election nomination outcome and the next steps. Election expenses LP to provide paperwork to some of the councillors.

11. **SELMAN PARK**

Update on Selman Park Committee meetings. An overview of some of the ideas being considered by the team was given. Finance- to cut the grass every other week, to look at a smaller area of the park to be leased by the council. Suggested Rates for use £25 for two hours which would be £100 per day, no charge for local functions i.e. village show. Security – how to trust people with the code and provide a secure way of doing so. Pedestrian Gate. Usage – open days to encourage people to see the facility.

Decision on the remit of SP committee, questions regarding Tarpaulin, shed and internal wall, SP committee or Full council. - It was decided to arrange a site visit on Sat 24/04/21 for all of the councillors before decisions were made.
Payment of grant for £2096 from NCC for Covid closures.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Resident email – Camilla Drive bin to alleviate dog fouling issue. Circulated, for decision. It was decided to leave the idea for a bin in this area for the current time as the area is looked after by a resident who has not reported any issues.

Resident email – Book box. Circulated for decision. It was decided to wait until the library reopened to discuss this with them, as this could be a good extra for them and be sited next to the library.

Resident email – Heddon sign on slip road in dangerous state – replied circulated and reported to NCC

Phone business owner – Dell possible small antiques fair Circulated and replied.

13. COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Councillor Jackson confirmed that he had spoken to the Council regarding bus stop markings to be made on Hexham Road and also to highways regarding paying for work to be done to improve passing places on the East Heddon Road. The Parish Council thanked him for his involvement and funding for this project.

He also discussed the planning applications for the land south of Centurion Way see section 9

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A resident has volunteered to mow the grass at the Knott Hall PE to take this forward at the next Knott Hall meeting.

New councillors – we are currently two councillors short but co-option cannot be done until after the election.

The chair has been approached by Heddon Juniors football team for a donation this will be on the agenda for the next meeting

The meeting closed at 20.44

* see minutes regarding Meeting of HVT regarding MUGA funding.

At the end of the meeting the Councillors will convene a meeting of the trustees of Heddon Village Trust to discuss funding for the MUGA renovation.

Expenditure				Income			
15/04/2021	Ncle and Northumb Society	1380	£ 35.00	02/03/2021	rental income (4)	1380	£ 290.00
01/04/2021	seat repair and plastic plugs (D Irving)	1380	£ 115.00	01/03/2021	rental income 3	1380	£ 300.00
15/04/2021	Dog dispenser refill (1380	£ 70.74	04/03/2021	rental income (1/2)	1380	£ 1,160.00
16/04/2021	Fire extinguisher Northfire	1380	£ 47.50				
16/04/2021	All Clean windows library	1380	£ 32.00				
16/04/2021	Cleaning (H. clark)	1380	£ 60.00				
	Crown gas	1380	£ 126.35				
	ADT Intruder Alarm	1380	£ 59.44				
	ADT Fire Alarm	1380	£ 14.08				
	24/7 Bus Supp	1380	£ 24.00				
	scottish power (SF)	1380	£ 16.00				
	Plusnet	1380	£ 26.39				
	Plusnet	1380	£ 30.88				
16/04/2021	Grass cutting	1380	£ 96.00				
08/04/2021	NCC garden waste bin (L pringle)	1380	£ 43.00				
18/03/2021	MUGA DCM services	1380	£ 17,500.20				