

Heddon on the Wall Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Heddon on the Wall Parish Council
Wednesday 12th January 2022 @ 19.00 at Heddon Library

Resident came to discuss Centurion Way Appeal see note 8. Young resident Emma Robinson attended to see how the council ran and hopefully to be a part of some future youth projects.

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Mr Edwards (chair), Mr Adams, Mrs Cruickshank, Mrs Dryden, Mrs Irving Munro, Mrs Keller, Mrs White., Clerk (Mrs Pringle). Apologies accepted from Mr Lillico
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Mr Edwards - Knott Memorial Hall. Mrs Keller - Karbon Homes. Mr Adams Selman Park.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 08th December 2021** – No comments, minutes agreed and signed off.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (if not covered elsewhere)**
5. **MAINTAINING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL**
Butterfly costs Leedale Landscapes update. Leedale to meet with LIM to discuss extra work needed on the butterfly for the Arbeia Roman herb garden. Things going ahead well on this but it looks like all work will come about at the same time in spring. Still awaiting input from Kirkley Hall.
New Library CCTV cameras – Still awaiting one quote.
6. **IMPROVING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL**
Facebook update – All going along well but the clerk requested that any news the councillors may have that could go on Facebook be sent to her as it is difficult to keep the page fresh. Volunteer litter picking – it was agreed to provide the volunteer with kit and info of the next litter pick. DK to action
Ideas for improvement – List of local emergency suppliers. LP to send some ideas to DK. Other ideas to be discussed for this year all councillors to see if there is anything and take some points from the survey, suggestion of village tubs and planting., play or exercise equipment for the Welfare Field.
Chare Bank surfacing – Info on this was requested from the County Council in December as the last update was June. No update has been given. LP to chase.
7. **WORKING WITH OUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION** – No update
8. **PLANNING**
APPLICATIONS
 21/04729/FUL – 17 Valerian Ave. Single rear and first floor extension. With pitch roof to porch and garage. Circulated.
 21/04881/FUL – The Wynding, Heddon Banks, new dormer and porch plus reroofing existing dormers. Circulated.
 21/04985/FUL – 4 Station Road. Garage conversion and extension above and to rear. Circulated – It was hoped that the planners would take into account the buildings around this

property and ensure that the front first story extension was in keeping with the rest of the street.

APPLICATIONS GRANTED OR DENIED

20/04165/FUL – Building south of Mount Hope Forge to be converted to an accommodation block – Granted

21/02621/FUL – Houghton Moor, extension of garage to form residential annex - Withdrawn
APP/P2935/W/21/3289228 – Appeal land south of Centurion Way. This was discussed in depth with the resident and councillors and the way the appeals work has been confirmed. The council agreed to put in comments on the latest appeal document from the developers taking into account the NCC development plan.

9. **CLIMATE CHANGE** – No specific update, however the council has been informed that the glass recycling bins are being removed from the Garage due to insurance problems. It was agreed to give notice on Facebook and ask for any other suggestions of sites to put these bins. There was one feasible idea RA to explore.

10. FINANCE AND ASSETS

Sign off invoices Dec/Jan – agreed and signed off for payment.

Building Insurance Surveyors valuations library and Knott. – It was agreed that the insurance amounts for the Knott Hall, the library and Selman Park were sufficient to cover needs.

Library volunteer changes – The Library volunteer co-ordinator John Gillot has stood down but will remain a volunteer his place has been taken by Ted Burt. Many thanks to John and good luck to Ted for the future.

Library internet changes – there has been an outage of internet service for the offices in the library since before Christmas. The company has been out several times but been unable to fix it. The tenants were offered alternative internet service. The service from this company has now been terminated and a new provider Sky will be online soon, this service includes a redundancy of 4G if the line fails. It was decided that at the end of this contract a managed service will be contracted with suitable SLA's in case of outage. Any claims for refunds will be examined by the Parish Council on an individual basis, dependant on situation. The refund for the Financial Services Consultant has been decided.

CAN Donation approval £50 – This was approved

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Resident email – dangerous tree in private garden cottages Hexham Road update. This has been now been actioned by the property holder and the tree surgeon.

Resident email – Volunteer retirement Memorial Park. Dr. Gardener – Medwin has retired after many years volunteering in the Memorial Park and round the village and also a Parish Councillor up to a few years ago. The Parish Council would like to thank Dr. Gardener - Medwin for all her hard work on behalf of the village and the residents. It has been very much appreciated.

Resident email – pruning issues Memorial Park

Resident email – Tree on the common behind 36 Trajan Walk. This was inspected by the landowner and any decision on how to go forward rests with him as the common does not belong to the Parish Council.

Resident Messenger – Seesaw Welfare field footrest broken. Circulated and fixed.

Email – Village Halls week. The PC would like to celebrate this in some way on Facebook. DK to check with the Halls

Email – New airport noise contact Jayne Oswald

Email – transport North East consultation on electric buses. Concern regarding the cost of electric buses for the city centre when many outlying areas do not have a bus service fit for purpose.

12. COUNTY COUNCIL

Rudchester one way proposal - for discussion. This was discussed and it was decided to comment on the proposal with the many points of concern for safety taking into account the comments from the residents on both of the affected roads and cyclists who have voiced their concerns to the council.

Closure of Wylam Waggon Way for resurfacing for 7 weeks from 14th January Weather permitting. Now 17th

Road resurfacing Birks Road was August, changed to Dec, still not completed. This has been escalated to the County Council but no reply has been received.

Escalation of sign Military Road

Bus stop markings opposite Three Tuns

Hexham Road dangerous parking for discussion

Slip Road trees

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed to pay Northumberland County Council for the additional grass cuts again this year 2022.

First aid classes One of the councillors suggested buying a training kit for First Aid Classes. Before Covid the council had provided St Johns Ambulance First aid training. LP to check price of St Johns Classes.

Heddon Gossip deadline 21st Jan – DK and AL to decide on space required and submit article.

Roman wall Celebrations It is hoped that a meeting will be held to discuss more of the village Roman Wall celebrations as there have been several ideas from residents.

Christmas lights – this was OK but as lights were solar and the weather was bad it could have been better. A parish in Durham has managed to piggy back their lights of their County Council supply and pay a small fee. It was decided to investigate this for next year. LP to contact Peter Jackson.

Street Signs – These broken signs have been reported to the County Council on numerous occasions on Valerian Ave, Remus Ave and killiebriggs. LP to report again.

Meeting closed 20.45

Expenditure				Income		
13/12/2021	Transfer insurance money Knott Hall	1409	£ 3,865.22	06/12/2021	Zurich Ins Knott Hall	£3,865.22
09/12/2021	Emergency trees (Batson)	1409	£ 1,800.00	29/11/2021	rental income 4	£ 290.00
04/01/2021	ICO annual payment Data Protection	1409	£ 35.00	01/12/2021	rental income (3)	£ 300.00
15/12/2021	NCC Waste	1409	£ 15.72	10/12/2021	rental income (1/2)	£ 580.00
13/01/2022	All Clean windows library	1409	£ 32.00			
13/01/2022	Cleaning	1409	£ 60.00			
	British Gas (electric)	1409				
	Crown gas	1409	£ 84.17			
	ADT Intruder Alarm	1409	£ 59.44			
	ADT Fire Alarm	1409	£ 14.70			
	24/7 Bus Supp	1409	£ 24.00			
	scottish power (SF)	1409	£ 13.00			
	Plusnet	1409	£ 26.39			
	Plusnet	1409	£ 33.60			
	NCC Waste	1409	£ 15.72			