

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 13th April 2022 @ 19.00 at Heddon Library

1. **PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Mr Edwards, Mr Adams, Mrs Dryden, Mrs Keller, Mr Lillico, Mrs White, Mrs Irving Munro. Clerk (Mrs Pringle) Councillor Jackson also attended.
2. **CO-OPTION NEW COUNCILLOR** – After a meeting with councillors it was proposed by Mr Adams and seconded by Mrs Dryden to accept Mr Michael Wilson to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. This was unanimously agreed and Mr Wilson joined the meeting.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Mr Edwards Knott Memorial Hall, Mrs Keller Karbon Homes, Mr Adams Selman Park
4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th March 2022**
The minutes were agreed and signed off
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (if not covered elsewhere)**
6. **MAINTAINING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL**

Butterfly Garden costs for Roman Herb Garden. Two quotes have been received to add raised beds and paths to this area. After 3 companies visited the site two quotes were given £4250 ex VAT and £5400 ex VAT, there was no difference in the service that would be given and the Council agreed to go with the cheaper quote. Proposed Lesley Irving Munro, seconded Richard Adams, unanimously agreed by the council. LP to forward volunteer contact details to LIM.

Glass Recycling bins – It was decided to write again to the Knott Hall to see if there would be a possibility of using some of Chare bank and the side of the Hall.

MUGA goalposts – Cost of powder coating still not agreed

Tree allotments - allotment owner now in conversation with the County Council after a comments made by them.
7. **IMPROVING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL**

First aid training – free two hour sessions to advertise or £300 4hr 12 person session. It was agreed to advertise free session to gauge interest before going forward with the paid for sessions.

Christmas lights – A meeting was held with NCC to discuss the feasibility of using their electricity from the street lights. This was possible and lots of good ideas came forward.

New play equipment Welfare Field – Clerk to arrange a meeting with a play equipment company to provide a starting point for getting together a community group.

Website village for all section – it was decided not to make a separate section at this time and to advertise the points individually.

Tree planting – it was agreed by the council to support the Community Groups headed by Mr Edwards to fund the new trees in the village by crowd funding which would be matched by the Parish council. Mr Edwards is the designated financial officer and is a Fellow of the ICAEW and a Member of the Chartered Association of Corporate Treasurers.

The council agreed the price for tree sponsorship at £150 for the tree and plaque, we have had 3 for the Memorial park and 4 for the Welfare field so far.

A grant to supply trees from the County Council will be explored.

It was unanimously agreed to plant a memorial tree for Councillor Cruickshank in the Memorial Park.

Two trees have been planted on Chare Bank by Batsons to replace TPO trees cut down as dangerous after storms. Many thanks to them.

8. **WORKING WITH OUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

9. **PLANNING**

APPLICATIONS

22/00985/FUL – 60 Trajan Walk, 2 storey side extn and single story rear. Circulated Land South of Centurion Way – Appeal denied, Fence. See item 14.

APPLICATIONS GRANTED OR DENIED

22/00700/PRUTPO – Land at Quarry House Rudchester, two trees to be pruned. Granted
21/03374/FUL – 48 Trajan walk – single story extn to rear. Granted

10. **ROMAN WALL and QUEENS JUBILEE FESTIVALS**

Hadrian's Wall celebrations DK to ask library if readings for the short story contest can be held there.

Beacons – It was agreed to ask the Three Tuns Pub if they could light their fire pits as part of the Beacon festival.

Jubilee – looking to ask the person who painted throckley Bus stops to do something similar for us to mark the jubilee.

11. **FINANCE AND ASSETS**

Sign off invoices – Invoices were agreed and signed off

Library opening hours. – Library now not open on Wednesday as not enough users or volunteers.

May annual residents meeting – The annual residents meeting will take place on May 11th at 19.00 with the annual Parish council Meeting at 18.30

HRMC VAT return - £8800 this was much higher than usual due to the MUGA and tree expenditure after the storms.

Library Fibre Broadband install/ CCTV – This is now going ahead.

Allotment payments/free allotment – many allotments are now paid for this year, two have been returned and it was agreed to half them before allocating anew.

Library phone not working – now fixed

Mobile for Assets Officer/hours worked – it was agreed to pay for any bolt-on's required by Lorraine. Prices needed before agreement

Internal/External audits and year end – clerk focus at the moment.

Newcastle and Northumberland Society renewal £35 agreed to go forward with this.

12. **SELMAN PARK**

The way forward – it was agreed to form a new committee for Selman Park Next month. LP to add to agenda

Grass cutting – Now cut

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Resident email – Bin Junction Station Rd and Waggon way, it was agreed to go forward with the bin.

Resident email – Remaining Tree Chare Bank – This tree has been checked and is currently fine. It was agreed to check this tree every three months.

NCC email – Planning validation checklist consultation,

Email – NCC local plan confirmation.

Email – NALC Armed forces Covenant

Email - Give as you live

Email – Disaster emergency planning for WAR-It was decided against emergency planning for this eventuality.

14. COUNTY COUNCIL

The planning appeal for the land south of Centurion Way refusal to ensure the character of the village was preserved was a major win. Peter now taking on the issue of the high fence remaining.

Local plan has been passed for planning this will ensure that the green belt remains in place for the next 25 years. There is no need for extra building as the number of residents has only increased by 1 or 2 %.

Economic development a third of the population of Northumberland work outside the county this is now reversing with the opening of British Volt with 4000 workers and 3000 jobs estimated in local services.

Rob Murfin head of planning at NCC advises Parish Councils to look at adopting a neighbourhood plan. The start of this procedure would be undertaking of a Character Assessment which would set standards for future proposed developments within Heddon on the Wall. PE to look further into this.

Jubilee Beacons on 2nd to 5th June it would be great if all parishes could take part

Escalation of sign Military Road – Escalated by PJ with a reply stating it will be done this summer

Bus stop markings opposite Three Tuns – No forward movement on this

Hexham Road dangerous parking for discussion – PJ to push forward meeting

Slip Road trees – This should be done before the end of summer but no date at this time.

Christmas lights – This has been expedited see point 7.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Budget Monitor –the chair ran through the monitor which showed a positive balance of the village funds.

Latches for notice boards so keys are not necessary. It was agreed to go forward in buying these for £94

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Expenditure				Income			
13/04/2022	Petty cash	1420	£ 100.00		rental income (4)	1420	£ 290.00
13/04/2022	Rates Selman Park	1420	£ 399.20		refund	1420	£ 41.00
13/04/2022	All Clean windows library	1417	£ 64.00	28/02/2022	M&G Charibond	1420	£ 0.31
13/04/2022	Cleaning	1417	£ 55.00	28/02/2022	M&G Charibond	1420	£ 16.58
	British Gas (electric)	1417	115.16	26/02/2021	M&G Charifund	1420	£ 242.50
	Crown gas	1417	£ 91.19				
	ADT Intruder Alarm	1417	£ 62.04				
	ADT Fire Alarm	1417	£ 14.70				
	24/7 Bus Supp	1417	£ 24.00				
	scottish power (SF)	1417	£ 13.00				
	Sky connect	1417	£ 41.94				
	Sky Connect	1417	£ 56.34				
31/03/2022	Handy man (M Hadden)	1420	£ 222.79				
20/03/2022	replacement handle WF (A Beaton)	1420	£ 25.00				
24/03/2022	Trees felled Chare Bank (Batsons)	1420	£ 2,640.00				
13/04/2022	NCC payroll March	1420	£ 1,123.44				