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| **Minutes of the meeting of Heddon-on-the-Wall Parish Council held on**  **Wednesday 12th April 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Heddon Community Library** |

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| **PRESENT:** Cllrs. P. Edwards [PE] (in the Chair); Richard Adams [RA]; Lesley Irving-Munro [LIM]; A Turnbull [AT]; M Wilson[MW], K Ince [KI].  **IN ATTENDANCE**: L Twizzell, Assets Officer; R Oatway |

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| **Minute**  **No.** | **Agenda item** |
| **1.** | **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: RESOLVED**: Cllrs K. Dryden, Di Keller |
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| **2.**  **3.** | **R&J Events – Festival on the Wall**: Both organisers attended the meeting to allay concerns around traffic, noise, litter and safety. Assurances were given with regard to numbers attending, ticketing, event management and questions were addressed including event manning, toilet facilities and the level of planning that had been undertaken.  **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. Edwards declared an interest in matters affecting Knott Hall; Cllr. Keller declared an interest in matters affecting Karbon Homes and Batson’s Groundcare; Cllr. Turnbull declared an interest in any matters affecting Northumbrian Water. Cllr Wilson declared an interest in any matters affecting St Andrew’s Church. |
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| **4.** | **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** **RESOLVED**: To approve as a correct record and authorise the signing of the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15th March 2023. |
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| **5.** | **MATTERS ARISING & REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** |
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| **6.** | **NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL:** County Councillor Peter Jackson was not present and no update was provided. |
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| **7.** | **CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS:** It was unanimously resolved to co-opt Rob Oatway as a Councillor and declarations of acceptance of office were duly signed. |
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| **8.** | **PLANNING:** An update was given on progress on planning applications, nothing of note. |
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| **9.** | **FINANCE, PREMISES AND STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE: RESOLVED:** It has previously been resolved that until such time as the Parish Council has gone through a process to find new councillors that the remaining meetings of 2023 will be full council meetings. |
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| **10.** | **MAINTAINING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL:** |
| 10.1 | **Update:** Johnathon Proud was once again undertaking work on various handy man jobs around the village and approval was for bird spikes to be fitted to swings and for equipment to be purchased for pest control. |
| 10.2 | **Update:** Bradley Hall secured a tenant for the vacant office space**.** |
| **11.** | **IMPROVING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL:** |
| 11.1 | **Held over:**  To progress feedback on the design options for the Welfare Field improvements via Heddon Gossip and QR codes placed in bus shelters before discussing and agreeing at the next meeting. |
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| **12.** | **REPORTS:** Cllr Wilson reports with respect to Heddon Schools liaison and Selman Park: |
| 12.1  12.2  12.3 | Heddon Schools are actively looking to increase extracurricular activity and are hoping to increase use of Selman Park and the Library.  Cllr. Wilson reported that the use of Selman Park by Heddon United Juniors FC was now less likely to occur, the landlord’s expectations are that the lease terms need to be fully complied with. **It was RESOLVED** to actively pursue a release of half of the land currently rented to reduce costs to the PC but also reflect on lower usage.  Interest had also been received with regard to using Selman Park for flying electric airplanes / helicopters. **It was RESOLVED** to refer back to the interested individual to ensure they are first a registered club with membership primarily in Heddon, to appease any concerns the landlord may have, second that they ensure any restrictions on use of airspace are cleared with Newcastle Airport. |
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| 12.3 | Cllr Turnbull updated that Newcastle Airport are to undertake a site visit to assess the flightpath over Heddon. |
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| **13.** | **FINANCIAL MATTERS: RESOLVED**: To receive the schedule of monthly expenditure and approve payment of invoices presented to the meeting; and to receive the most recent budget report. There were no applications for grants or donations. |
| 13.1 | **RESOLVED**: It was noted that one tenant continues to operate in arrears, it was resolved to maintain a watching brief. |
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| **14.** | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** |
| 14.1  14.2 | **NOTED:** Cllr Turnbull noted a comment in Heddon Gossip with regard to correcting a reference to G Pyle and NACC, he was on the Airport Consultative Committee and not Noise Sub Committee as stated, the PC thank him for his efforts over the years he was on the consultative committee  **NOTED**: That the Chair contact the two residents who had contacted the PC for an update on their memorial trees and plaques (ongoing) |
| 14.3 | **NOTED:** An opportunity to be trained in speed awareness had been forwarded on from Hedley Rogers |
| 14.4 | **RESOLVED:** Ad Murum singers were permitted to use the library for their meeting. |
| **15.** | **NEXT MEETING: RESOLVED**: That the date of the next meeting: Wednesday 10th May 2023. |
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|  | **CONCLUSION OF MEETING:** The meeting closed at 8:30 p.m. |

**APPENDIX**

**MAINTAINING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL:**

ACTIONS:

**DK** to investigate and report back on the options for tree seat ideas and prices.

**RA** to chase up a price for powder coating MUGA goal posts [deferred until March 2023].

**PE** and **RA** to contact a local stonemason regarding a repair to the wall on Chare Bank.

**IMPROVING OUR VILLAGE FOR ALL:**

ACTIONS:

**DK** to advertise environmental sessions in Heddon Gossip and refresh the Green Policy Statement during 2023

**FINANCE AND ASSETS:**

**PE** to follow up contact with Barclays Bank for a change of mandate form.

**Other:**