

**Minutes of the meeting of Heddon-on-the-Wall Parish Council held on  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in Heddon Community Library**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. D. Keller [DK] (in the Chair); M. Wilson [MW]; R. Oatway [RO]; K. Ince [KI]; K. Dryden [KD]; R. Adams [RA]; J. McGreevy [JM];

**IN ATTENDANCE:** L. Barton (Clerk); **Members of the public: 1 present**

**Minute  
No.**

**Agenda item**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** L. Irving-Munro [LIM]; D. Matthews [DM];
2. **WELCOME GUESTS AND RESIDENTS AND ASK THEM TO SHARE MATTERS OF INTEREST:**  
A trustee from the Knott Hall attended the meeting to update councillors on plans for a mural in the Memorial Park shelter. The original plan was for a mural covering just the back wall of the shelter; however, the artist would prefer to use the whole of the interior. Councillors **agreed** to this request. The mural will depict scenes associated with the village and will be a collaborative effort between the artist and local residents.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. Keller declared an interest in Karbon Homes and Cllr. Wilson declared an interest in St Andrew's Church and Heddon on the Wall Education and Training Trust (HETT).
4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March were approved and signed by the Chair.
5. **MATTERS ARISING AND REVIEW OF ACTIONS:** covered elsewhere
6. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

- a) To approve payment of invoices presented at the meeting. **RESOLVED.** All councillors confirmed that as per our financial regulations and ahead of this meeting, we've circulated via email a full record of accounts, bills and invoices paid and due to be paid this month. The following invoices were approved for payment:

Window cleaning £33
Grounds Maintenance £414
Heddon Gossip £60
Library cleaning £150

One Business Centre tenant, who had made an accidental rent overpayment, will be refunded £18. BT have confirmed that the Parish Council landline account has now been moved to monthly direct debit billing. We have not yet heard about the library account.

- b) To consider any applications for grants or donations received at least 3 days before the meeting: 4 donation requests were received; 1 was redirected towards HETT as a more appropriate option. Of the other 3 requests, it was **agreed** to donate £250 to the Heddon Culture Festival. It was further **agreed** to donate £100 to the Poppy Carpet project and £50 to the VE Day afternoon tea.
- c) Budget Monitoring Quarter 4 – councillors approved the budget monitoring for quarter 4.

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**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL:**

To consider any matters relating to Northumberland County Council (NCC)

**Updates:**

Local Transport Plan – no feedback yet

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