

MINUTES

Meeting of Heddington Parish Council

Wednesday 10th January 2024 @ 7:30pm, Charles Willis Hall

1. **Members Present:** Cllr. Geoff Dickerson, Cllr. Nick Tyle, Cllr. Rob Robinson, Cllr. Mark Cawley
Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Dave Denny, Cllr. Sally Wilkinson, Cllr. Nancy Byrant
Members of the public: 1

2. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on Wednesday 8th November 2023:** Proposed Cllr. Nick Tyler, seconded Cllr. Mark Cawley. Signed by Cllr. Geoff Dickerson

3. **Declaration of Interests:** Cllrs. Geoff Dickerson, Mark Cawley and Nick Tyler all declared they suffered from flooding on 4th January.

4. **Receipt of Public Questions:** None

5. **Correspondence (not covered elsewhere):** Storm Henk – Request for flooding information from Wiltshire Council. Cllr. Mark Cawley to investigate from Chapel Cottage to Common and Cllr. Nick Tyler to investigate the rest of village for properties flooded. Emma to co-ordinate. Two extra flood signs for the parish would be useful.
 Tennant reported that the pipes at the bottom of Hillside explode the tarmac when too much water pressure builds up. Cllr. Nick Tyler to investigate nearby ditches/pipes to check for blockages.

*Mark/
Nick/
Emma*

Nick

6. **Planning Applications**
 - a) **19/05029/FUL:** Holley Hextall Stone Yard - Retention of timber cabin and siting of second timber cabin. – Nothing to report.
 - b) **PL/2022/05156:** All Oaks Farm (Near Pooks Farm) – Enforcement notice issued in May. Owners have 12 months from then to act – Nothing to report.

7. **Finance & Accounts**
 - a) Balance Of Accounts - Noted
 - b) Invoices Received – Noted

8. **Town and Parish Precepts 2024-25** – Cllr. Mark Cawley explained various options for this years precept and how it would affect council tax increases. Cllr. Rob Robinson proposed a 8% increase, seconded by Cllr. Nick Tyler. Unanimously agreed.

9. **Calne Without Parish Council - Transfer of Monetary Assets** – Cllr. Mark Cawley reminded all present of the current situation with Calne Without Parish Council (CWPC). The Councillors reviewed the recent letter received from the Chairman of CWPC. Cllr. Geoff Dickerson proposed that Heddington Parish Council (HPC) accept CWPC proposal. All agreed. Cllr. Geoff Dickerson to speak to Cllr. Dave Denny and agree a response to CWPC.

Geoff

10. **Roads, Footpaths & Hedges**
 - a) Parish Steward Update – Cllr. Rob Robinson has filled grit bins and there is a new bin at the top of the hill.
 Ditch by Pat Hudds house still full of water so can't see the pipe. Obviously not draining away. Needs some investigation as to whether there is a pipe somewhere along that section.
 Letter send to Vine Dale has been acted upon. Some effort to clear ditches.
 No response or action from Gore Farm in response to letter. May need referring to Highways.

Wheelwrights to the Common ditch hasn't been emptied in years. Emma to write to Lady Manors at Marsh End Farm regarding this. Cllr. Geoff Dickerson expressed an interest in this.

Emma

Cllr. Mark Cawley expressed an interest in a ditch close to his property that may need clearing. Mark Cawley to investigate this further and let Emma know if any further action required.

Mark

Cllr. Geoff Dickerson reported that he intends on making improvements to his property to try to prevent further flooding.

11. Parish Matters

- a) Fence by the old Coachworks – Cllr Geoff Dickerson and Cllr. Nick Tyler have investigated this. Nick hope to mark out fence line soon.
- b) Recreation Ground RoSPA Report – will report at next meeting.
- c) Recreation Ground Fence – has been repaired.
- d) Perimeter Footpath – will be looked at in the spring.
- e) Defibrillator – Cllr. Mark Cawley reported that his did submit and application to The British Heart Foundation for a new defibrillator at Heddington Wick but this was rejected as we didn't meet the criteria.

Nick

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Rob*

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12. Parish Council Admin

- a) Link Councillor Updates Nothing to report.

13. Matters for Next Meeting – None.

Meeting Commenced at 7.30pm – Closed at 8.15pm

Future Dates:
13th March 2024
8th May 2024
10th July 2024
11th September 2024
13th November 2024