

MINUTES

Meeting of Heddington Parish Council
Wednesday 12th January 2022 @ 7:30pm, Charles Willis Hall

1. **Members Present** Cllr Geoff Dickerson, Cllr Nancy Bryant, Cllr Nick Tyler, Cllr Mark Cawley, Cllr Rob Robinson, Cllr Sally Wilkinson, Wiltshire Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney
Apologies for Absence Cllr Dave Denny
Members of the public 4
2. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 10th November 2021**
Adoption of minutes of meeting held on 10th November 2021 were proposed by Rob and seconded by Mark. Agreed unanimously as a correct record of the meeting. Copy of the minutes duly signed by Geoff.
3. **Declaration of Interests**
See below
4. **Review of Actions from Last Meeting**
See below
5. **Receipt of Public Questions or Comments**
None
6. **Correspondence**
 - a. **Email from Matt Perrrott, Area Highways Engineer:** Matt is moving to the Devizes and Pewsey Area Boards. Recruitment is in progress to replace him but in the meantime any correspondence to be sent to NorthernHighways@wiltshire.gov.uk
 - b. **Email from Oliver Bayliss, DalcourMaclaran re New Connection Works at Wick Farm** – Nancy declared a nonpecuniary interest – her landlord owns Wick Farm. DalcourMaclaran are chartered surveyors acting on behalf of Southern Electric Power Distribution (SEPD). They have been instructed to agree a wayleave consent across Heddington Common where the proposed new connections will run. SEPD already have all their apparatus and poles on Heddington Common and the upgrade requires the existing cabling to be transformed from its current ‘LV state’ to a ‘95ABC’. Geoff to respond. Geoff
 - c. **Letter from Jane Horton & Rosalie Gowlland re Platinum Jubilee:** A village barn dance is planned for Saturday 4th June in Nick’s grain store. Jane and Rosalie wrote to the Parish Council requesting help. Geoff stated there were no funds to help financially, but confirmed the Parish Council would provide any other assistance. Thanks was given to Nick for the use of the barn.
 - d. **Letter from Helen Meeke & Jane King re Damage to Hitchin Lane and Hampsley Hollow:** Helen and Jane are volunteer members of the Wiltshire Horse Rider Volunteer Scheme which was launched recently by Wiltshire Police. Its aim is to help fight rural crime. On their rounds they look out for signs of wildlife crime (poaching, raptor persecutions, general theft of livestock, heritage crime and fly tipping). On their rounds they have found access along Hitchin Lane and Hampsley Hollow impossible – due to damage caused by quad bikes and motorcycles over the Christmas and New Year holidays. Geoff to contact Steve Leonard (Rights of Way). Geoff
 - e. **Letter from Katie Fielding re: moving on.** *Katie in post until 20th January. Information regarding new contact information will be circulated shortly by WALC. Noted. Clerk to write thanking her for all her help.* Clerk
 - f. **Age UK Wiltshire Surviving Winter Grant (SWG) re:** *The scheme is aimed at older people at risk of fuel poverty and aims to support them by providing a one-off £200 grant alongside holistic advice to help ensure they are maximising their income and receiving support for any other issues they may have. It has been running on an annual basis for a number of years and is organised and fundraised through Wiltshire Community Foundation. It is likely to close in the next 2-3 months. Additionally, for working-age people, Wiltshire Warm & Safe (<https://www.warmandsafewiltshire.org.uk/>) are the partner organisation supporting them to apply for the grant). Clerk to circulate flyers.* Clerk
 - g. **North Wessex Down AONB Annual Review 2021/22:** Noted
7. **Planning Applications**
 - a. **PL/2021/09037: Heddington Primary School:** Single Story Classroom extension: Approved with Conditions
 - b. **19/05029/FUL: Holley Hextall Stone Yard:** Decision awaited
 - c. **PL/2021/10276: Land Behind Downsview, Heddington:** Construction of open fronted barn: Decision awaited
 - d. **PL/2021/09856: 2 Hillside Close, Heddington:** Proposed first floor side extension & Detached Garage. Clerk submitted Council’s objections. Revised plans were submitted which excluded the proposed

garage. New plans approved with conditions.

LATE POST

- e. **PL/2022/00244: Field Cottage: Extension, Internal Works & Associated External Works – Planning Application and Listed Building Consent** Extraordinary meeting to be arranged to discuss. Deadline 10th February.

8. Finance & Accounts

a. **Balance of Accounts**

Amenities Fund £3,238.85
Amenity Land £9,433.22
Current Account £6,697.03

b. **Invoices Received**

£249.00 Pixsy Web site (14/12/21)
£138.78 IdVerde Grass Cutting (16/12/21)
£76.79 SSE Electricity for Amenities

- c. **Precept 2022/23:** The tax base for Heddington Parish Council is 202.24. The precept for 2021/22 was £6,066. The deadline for return of application is 18th January 2022. If we request £6,750 this equates to a £2.32 rise for a Band D property or 7.47%. Sally proposed, Mark seconded. All approved. Clerk to submit request.

Clerk

- d. **Heddington Charities/2nd Poor's House:** Mark progressing paperwork to make him a signatory.

9. Village Recreation Ground

- a. **Proposed Use of MUGA Funds:** Mark reviewed insurance cover for the proposed trampoline. Mark to review Rec insurance at time of renewal to include the trampoline.
- b. **No Over Night Parking Signs:** Signs sourced – Nick to install
- c. **Grounds Maintenance:** Quotes received from Axford Garden Services (£462 per cut); IdVerde (£840 for fortnightly cuts April to September); Countrywide (between £1,040 and £1,718.60). Recommendation to place order with Countrywide - very good first impressions. It was agreed that Axford were too expensive; and that the service received from IdVerde has not been of a good enough standard over the term of the current contract. Geoff proposed entering into a new contract with Countrywide and Nick seconded – agreed unanimously. Geoff to take forward.

Geoff

10. Roads, Footpaths & Hedge

- a. **Parish Steward Update:** No updates. Parish Steward was called away on the days he was due in December.
- b. **Village Clean 2022:** Clean to be postpone until verges are cut. Clerk to email Director of Highways at Wiltshire Council to seek clarity around plans for verge cuts in 2022 (following decision to keep cuts to a minimum in 2021). Sam notified the Council that in last night's Cabinet meeting it was agreed to go out to tender for a new highways contract to cover all areas. Sally suggested we carry out an interim clean – **Saturday 12th March** – clerk to display posters to advertise
- c. **Access to Hitchin Lane.** Nick has cleared the hedge from Field Cottage to where the badger setts are.
- d. **CATG Funding:** Dave attended the CATG meeting.

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Kerbs

Highways have estimated that to lower two kerbs will cost £1,500 to £2,000 (with HPC contributing 30% of the total cost). Dave reported that most of the priority items on CATG's action list have been completed or are approaching completion, so, if HPC was able to proceed, the project would move up the priority list. Council to continue to consider this option.

Road markings

Markings have been completed.

- e. **Cutting Back of Verges:** Nick cut the verges through the village – Wiltshire Council have not carried out any of the works to date.
- f. **Tidying up of Footpath 5:** The grass has been cut. Nick has outsourced the cutting of the hedges and trees.
- g. **Speed of cars on village roads:** Await results from Stockley speed checking
- h. **PEAS 2021-22 Application Form:** Salt bins being currently replaced for new ones. Rob monitoring

11. Parish Council Admin

- a. **Web Site:** review of photographs on the web site. Payment made for rights.
- b. **Dates for 2022:** Dates confirmed with the Village Hall for 2022 meetings – 12th January, 9th March, 11th May, 13th July, 21st September, 9th November 2022.
- c. **Village Hall Update:** No update
- d. **Crime Policing & Neighbourhood Watch Update:** Nothing to report.

- e. **Area Board Update:** Mark was away – awaiting minutes
- f. **School & Pre-School Update:** *Issue with dog walkers and the mess on the Rec:* Ashley Martin has messaged parents but this does not seem to be having any effect. It was suggested that the Parish Council write a letter to be circulated to parents. Clerk to action. *Cost of Bin Emptying:* Mark to request that Ashley invoice the Parish Council for their share of the emptying costs. *Pre School Outdoor Teaching:* The yurt has been removed due to dirt and mould. The pre-school has been offered a garden shed/playhouse to replace the yurt. Clerk to add item to next meeting’s agenda. Clerk
- g. **Transport, Defibrillator & Book Update:** Nothing to report. Sally continues to submit monthly defibrillator reports. Book Swap needs sorting through because of an increased quantity of books being left but not many taken. Clerk
- h. **Calne Area Parish Forum Update:** Sam updated the Parish Council – Cllr Ashley O’Neill (Councillor for Calne Rural) is the new Chair. Nancy has agreed to remain involved. Ashley O’Neill is involved in the Parish Boundaries review. Jane Vaughan is back. After a brief discussion, Nancy agreed to remain involved. Sam to send Clerk dates for upcoming meetings. Sam

12. Matters for Next Meeting

Meeting commenced 7:30 pm and ended 8:19pm

2022 Meeting Dates: 9th March, 11th May, 13th July, 21st September, 9th November