

MINUTES

Meeting of Heddington Parish Council

Wednesday, 8th January 2025 @ 7.30pm, Charles Willis Hall

- 1) **Present:** Cllr. Geoff Dickerson, Cllr. Rob Robinson, Cllr. Mark Cawley, Cllr. Sally Wilkinson, Emma Marsh (Clerk).
Apologies: Cllr. Dave Denny, Cllr. Nancy Byrant, Cllr. Sam Pearce-Kearney. Cllr. Mark Cawley proposed to accept apologies, seconded by Cllr. Rob Robinson. All agreed.
Attendees: One member of public.
- 2) **To receive comments from members of the public** – No comments.
- 3) **To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda** – None.
- 4) **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Wednesday 13th November 2024** – Proposed Cllr. Sally Wilkinson, seconded Cllr. Mark Cawley. All agreed. Minutes duly signed by the Chairman.
- 5) **Planning – To discuss All Oaks Farm and Neighbouring property** – Wiltshire Council Planning Department are pursuing legal action against All Oaks Farm owners. Wiltshire Council have served a notice on neighbouring property.
- 6) **Finance & Accounts**
 - a) **Invoices Received**

November –	PB Services (electricity box repairs) £69.00
	WALC (clerk course) £48.00
	Heddington PC (transfer) £10,000
December -	SSE (final payment) £ 104.28
	Adam (window cleaner) £15.00
	Clerk (expenses) £35.69

Cllr. Mark Cawley reported that an invoice for the new lights in car park has not been received. Cllr. Geoff Dickerson said that this is because they aren't working properly. The electrician will be looking into this.
 - b) **Balance Of Accounts**

Second Poors House	£500.00
Heddington Charities	£8,198.14
Treasurers Account – Heddington Parish Council Account	£13,236.29
Treasurers Account – Recreation Ground Account	£ 10,000.00
 - c) **To discuss amalgamation of bank accounts** – Cllr. Mark Cawley reported that a new account has been set up for the Recreation Ground.
- 7) **To discuss Heddington Parish Council 2025 Precept** – Cllr. Mark Cawley reported that he has checked with Wiltshire Council and the 2025 Precept will be based on the new Council boundaries. Cllr. Geoff Dickerson proposed a 10% increase, Cllr. Rob Robinson seconded. Agreed unanimously.
- 8) **To discuss and updates on Potential Public Works Fund Loan to contribute to the Friends of The Ivy Benefits Society** – No change at present. Retain on agenda for next meeting.
- 9) **To discuss updates on transfer from Calne Without Parish Council including Transfer on Monetary Assets and Fixed Assets** – Calne Without Parish Council (CWPC) will audit condition of assets at the end of January. Clerk to request details of audit from CWPC. Heddington Parish Council Councillors to review this following the audit.

Clerk

10) **Roads, Footpaths & Hedges**

- a) **Parish Steward Update** – Cllr. Rob Robinson reports that the Parish Steward is helping with winter weather projects and will be back working in the parishes soon.

11) **Parish Matters**

- a) **Recreation Ground RoSPA Report** – Councillors will investigate the report recommendations when weather improves.
- b) **Flooding at Hampsley Road** – Wiltshire Council Highways team fitted new pipe under Hampsley Road last autumn. Householder has now reported that this pipe now discharges into the ditch alongside her property which is blocked causing her garden to flood. This is likely to be a private ditch therefore not Council responsibility. Cllr. Geoff Dickerson to speak to Cllr. Nick Tyler and draft a response to circulate to Councillors. Geoff
- c) **Phone Box Repainting** – Need to get quotes in the spring
- d) **Repair entrance fence to Recreation Ground** – Pete Brown has quoted about £500 to replace both gates. This if we remove personnel gate. Cllr. Rob Robinson proposed a £650 budget for this, seconded Cllr. Mark Cawley. All agreed. This would come out of the Recreation Ground Account. Geoff
- e) **Recreation Ground bin** – The school looking into getting a new bin liner, but these aren't available to buy. Cllr. Geoff Dickerson suggested Grundens as a supplier. He will investigate. Geoff
- f) **Parking along Church Road** – Clerk advised that this has been raised since the agenda was published. Homeowner along Church Road has difficulty driving off his driveway due to cars parked opposite his house. Problem has been worse over the Christmas holidays. Clerk has written to the School, Pre-school, Church and Village Hall and sent response to LHFIFG. Cllr Mark Cawley to ask Headteacher is he has had any response to letter. Not much more the Parish Council can do. Clerk/
Mark

12) **Parish Council Admin**

- a) **Link Councillor Updates** - None
- b) **Clerks report** – Clerk has attended a training morning for Council elections. Wiltshire Council will be sending out instruction for elections soon.
- c) **Review of Heddington Parish Council Standing Orders** – Cllr. Geoff Dickerson proposed remain unchanged. Seconded by Cllr. Mark Cawley. Agreed unanimously.
- d) **Review of Heddington Parish Council Code of Conduct** – Cllr. Geoff Dickerson proposed remain unchanged. Seconded by Cllr. Mark Cawley. Agreed unanimously.

13) **To note agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting**

- a) Phone Box repainting

End of Meeting: 7.59pm

*Future Dates: 12th March 2025
14th May 2025
9th July 2025
10th September 2025
12th November 2025*