

MINUTES

Meeting of Heddington Parish Council

Wednesday, 12th March 2025 @ 7.30pm, Charles Willis Hall

- 1) **Present:** Cllr. Geoff Dickerson, Cllr. Sally Wilkinson, Cllr. Mark Cawley, Cllr. Nancy Bryant, Cllr. Dave Denny, Cllr. Nick Tyler, Cllr. Sam Pierce-Kearney, Emma Marsh (clerk).
3 members of public
Apologies: Cllr. Rob Robinson. All agreed to accept apologies.
- 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 8th January 2025 circulated to members prior to the meeting:** Proposed Cllr. Sally Wilkinson, Seconded Cllr. Mark Cawley. Minutes duly signed by the Chairman.

5) **Finance & Accounts**

a) Invoices Received	January –	Countrywide £756.00
	February -	Payroll £492.32
		PB Services £350.78
		Octopus Energy £18.81
	March -	AMPS Electrical £562.48
		Octopus Energy £25.94

All agreed.

b) Balance Of Accounts	Second Poors House £500.00
	Heddington Charities £8,275.83
	Treasurers Account – Heddington Parish Council £11,055.90 (£25.94 due 7/3)
	Treasurers Account – Land Fund £10,000.00

All agreed

- 6) **To discuss and updates on Potential Public Works Fund Loan to contribute to the Friends of The Ivy Benefits Society:** Cllr. Dave Denny explained that the removal of Government Grants has been a setback, but there is other funding available. There is a booster fund (up to £50k) available for the Community Ownership Co-op. Major funding will be from the Share Offer available to member of the public. Friends of the Ivy (FOTI) hope to release Business Plan in a few weeks. FOTI expect to ask for \$50k Public Works Loan but they could ask for more if necessary. There may be the potential for FOTI to pay the interest on the loan. Cllr. Dave Denny confirmed that currently FOTI are making no request for financial support from the Parish Council. Cllr. Nancy Bryant proposed expressing support for The Friends of the Ivy, Seconded Cllr. Mark Cawley. Cllr. Dave Denny abstained from voting. No objections. The resolutions agreed where:

That in principle Heddington Parish Council appreciates and supports the work of the Friends of The Ivy Community Benefits Society in seeking to create a community hub, café and pub on behalf of the village and all its residents.

That in principle Heddington Parish Council affirms its commitment and readiness to support the Friends of The Ivy Community Benefits Society in any way that it can within its powers.

That in principle Heddington Parish Council is ready and willing to help the Friends of The Ivy Community Benefits Society by exploring the possibility of taking a Public Works Loan Board loan, and by undertaking the public consultation, in both Heddington and Stockley that will be essential to applying for such a loan.

- 7) **To discuss updates on transfer from Calne Without Parish Council including Transfer of Monetary Assets and Fixed Assets:** All agreed Stockley notice board keys should go to Clerk. Cllr. Geoff Dickerson proposed notice board should be oiled before handover. HPC Clerk to contact CWPC Clerk.

Clerk

8) **Roads, Footpaths & Hedges**

- a) **Parish Steward Update:** None
- b) **Deer warning signs from Turnpike corner to the A3102:** Cllr. Geoff Dickerson reported that there have been several deer reported in the area. Suggested deer warning signs be installed at either end of this stretch of road. Cllr. Dave Denny said he had been quoted £600 for 2 signs. If we asked LHFİG to install HPC would only have to pay 30% (£200) of this. It was discussed that Wiltshire Council may pay for the 1 closest to the A3102 as part of their ongoing works on the A3102. Cllr. Dave Denny to ask LHFİG if one sign could be paid for by Wiltshire Council and 70% of the other by LHFİG. Proposed Cllr. Mark Cawley, seconded by Cllr. Geoff Dickerson. Cllr. Mark Cawley suggested that after the boundary changes HPC could install similar signs along the Broads Green to A3102 stretch of road. To be investigated after boundary changes.

Dave

9) **Parish Matters**

- a) **Recreation Ground RoSPA Report** – Cllr. Geoff Dickerson noted that there were only 2 or 3 minor items that needed attention when the weather improves.
- b) **Flooding at Hampsley Road** – Cllr. Nick Tyler reported that the ditch was to be cleared soon.
- c) **Phone Box Repainting** – There has been difficulty finding anyone to undertake this job. All Councillors to ask their contacts.
- d) **Recreation Ground bin** – Litter bin has been repaired.
- e) **Parking along Church Road** – Still waiting for Mark Stansby from Wiltshire Council to visit. Cllr. Dave Denny to chase.
- f) **Disabled bay in Village Carpark** – Cllr. Geoff Dickerson suggested locating this at the top of the car park by the gate to the school and as it is a rough surface it could be marked with a wooden post with a Disabled Parking Sign. Proposed Cllr. Geoff Dickerson, seconded Cllr. Mark Cawley. Agreed unanimously. Cllr. Nick Tyler will arrange.
- g) **Plum Tree in Recreation Ground** – Clerk has been contacted again by homeowner asking for height of tree to be reduced. All agreed. Cllr. Sally Wilkinson to arrange with Grounds Maintenance team.
- h) **Recreation Ground Perimeter Path** – Cllr. Geoff Dickerson reported that this has now been cleared. Regrowth of grass edges to be monitored during the summer.

All

Dave

Nick

Sally

- 10) **Parish Council Elections** – Clerk reported that nominations are now open for both Parish Council elections and Wiltshire Unitary elections. Details of both elections and how to stand have been posted on notice boards and HPC website.

Cllr. Nancy Bryant announced that she will standing down at the next election. All thanked her for her service and dedication to HPC. Proposed Cllr. Geoff Dickerson, seconded Cllr. Sally Wilkinson.

11) **Parish Council Admin**

- a) **Link Councillor Updates** – Cllr. Sally Wilkinson reported that the phone box has been cleaned and restocked
- b) **Clerks report** – Nothing to report

12) To note agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting – None

Meeting Closed at 8.35pm

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