

MINUTES

Meeting of Heddington Parish Council

Wednesday 14th January 2026 @ 7:30pm, Charles Willis Hall

1) To receive and approve apologies for absence and confirm the meeting is quorate:

Councillors Present: Cllr. Geoff Dickerson, Cllr. Rob Robinson, Cllr. Mark Cawley, Cllr. Sally Wilkinson, Cllr. Nick Tyler, Cllr. Charlie Brown, Cllr. Lynne Sergeant

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr. Phil Brown. Cllr. Mark Cawley proposed to accept apology, seconded by Cllr. Nick Tyler, all agreed.

Meeting was quorate.

Public: None

Cllr. Geoff Dickerson reported that Dave Denny has resigned from Heddington Parish Council with immediate effect. He suggested that the council not rush into finding a replacement. Clerk to investigate recruitment procedure.

Clerk

2) To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda below, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests that members may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for dispensation that accord with the Localism Act 2011 Section 33(b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations):

None given

3) To receive comments from members of the public – no decisions will be made on issues raised, items requiring decisions will be added to the agenda for the next meeting: None

4) To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Wednesday 12th November 2025 circulated to members prior to the meeting: Cllr. Nick Tyler proposed accepting the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Sally Wilkinson. All agreed.

5) Planning Applications

a) PL/2025/03284 – All Oaks Farm, Heddington, SN11 OPF. Erection of agricultural wooden cabin for residential use and wooden storage unit – Retrospective.

Cllr. Geoff Dickerson has spoken to the planning officer who has no response as yet.

b) PL/2025/09647 - Promised Cottage, Heddington, Calne, SN11 OPQ. Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) relating to application PL/2023/05602 - To re-site the Garage/ Store.

Cllr. Mark Cawley proposed no adverse comments to this planning application, seconded by Cllr. Rob Robinson. All agreed.

c) PL/2025/07339 - Hollyditch Farm, Mile Elm, Calne, SN11 OPY. Proposed replacement of existing structure with Annex and Games Room, together with relocation of access and associated works.

Cllr. Geoff Dickerson reported that this application is for the replacement of an existing structure with an annex and games room. It is also proposed to move the access closer to the bend in the road.

Wiltshire Council Highways department have raised concerns about this. Cllr. Geoff Dickerson proposed no adverse comments regarding the new structure but concerns regarding new access and would support the comments made by the Highways Department, seconded by Cllr. Nick Tyler. All agreed.

d) PL/2025/07344 - Hollyditch Farm, Mile Elm, Calne, SN11 OPY. Proposed replacement of existing structure with Annexe and Games Room.

As planning application PL/2025/07339.

6) Finance & Accounts

a) Treasurers Account

- i) Invoices Received
 - Nov – Octopus Energy £17.38
 - Hills Waste £24.78
 - Bank Charges £4.25
 - Dec – Octopus Energy £20.02
 - ST Environment awwho £16.80
 - Hills Waste £24.60
 - Bank Charges £4.25

Cllr. Mark Cawley reported one additional invoice has been received for £103.65 from Wiltshire Council for deer signs.

b) Amenity Land Account

- i) Credits Received
 - Nov - Interest £5.26
 - Dec - Interest £4.77

- c) Balance Of Accounts
 - Second Poors House £500.00
 - Heddington Charities £8,454.79
 - Treasurers Account – Heddington Parish Council £22,509.88
 - Treasurers Account – Land Fund £10,001.79

Cllr. Mark Cawley noted that Land Fund account total has increased due to interest now received on account.

7) Review and discuss future maintenance and expenditure of Heddington Recreation Ground and to discuss new Five-Year Maintenance Plan.

Cllr's Geoff Dickerson, Sally Wilkinson, Rob Robinson and Nick Tyler have recently inspected the Recreation Ground to plan for future maintenance.

Items to be planned for include:

- a) Perimeter Path – edges need cutting back again and cracks need filling.
- b) Play equipment – rubber matting needs replacing. Possibly with chippings. Countrywide visiting to discuss options and quote next week. Cllr. Rob Robinson reported that it is £800 for a 10m roll of rubber matting.
- c) Carpark Bollards – need replacing. Cllr. Rob Robinson has arranged for quotes for this.
- d) Hedge – Cllr. Nick Tyler will arrange for this to be cut back at an appropriate time.

*Rob
Nick*

8) To discuss car park lighting and bollard replacement

As per item 7)c).

9) To discuss use of additional funding due to boundary changes

Only item raised so far is recreation ground as per agenda item 7).

10) To discuss Heddington Parish Council 2026 Precept and Proposed 2026/27 Budget

Cllr. Mark Cawley proposed not increasing the precept this year, but after discussion it was suggested that it's better to keep increasing the precept by inflation rather than suddenly find in future years that we need a large increase. This would give Heddington Parish Council an extra £750 for 2026/27. Total income of £12,430. Cllr. Rob Robinson proposed to request 5% increase, seconded by Cllr. Lynne Sargeant. All agreed.

*Mark
Clerk*

11) Report on Village Clean which took place on Saturday 15th November

Cllr. Lynne Sargeant reported that there was a good turnout at the event and lots of rubbish collected. Feedback was that the event could be increased to twice a year in the spring and autumn. Cllr. Geoff

Dickerson has checked with Idverde and they can supply equipment for both. Cllr. Lynne Sargeant proposed having the events on Saturday 11th April and Saturday 10th October, seconded Cllr. Geoff Dickerson. All agreed.

Phil
Lynne
Geoff
Clerk

- 12) To discuss update and agree addition of paediatric pads to defibrillator at additional cost of £135 + VAT**
Cllr. Rob Robinson proposed to agree this purchase, seconded by Cllr. Geoff Dickerson. All agreed.

Sally

- 13) To discuss the proposed closure of recycling facilities at Lower Compton.** Cllr. Lynne Sargeant proposed writing to Wiltshire Council stating our concern about this. Cllr. Mark Cawley suggested writing one now and another after other local meetings have taken place and we know more information. Cllr. Lynne Sargeant agreed with this and proposed this, seconded by Cllr. Sally Wilkinson. All agreed. Cllr. Lynne Sargeant to circulate proposed letter, recording our support for objections raised by other Parish Councils and Town Councils.

Lynne

- 14) To discuss the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Heddington Parish Council or inclusion of Heddington Parish Council within the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan (as a whole) and Stockley Wards current inclusion in the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr. Geoff Dickerson reported that when the parish council have investigated this previously it has looked to be a lot of work that maybe unnecessary. Stockley Ward currently falls under Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan from when it was part of Calne Without Parish Council. This is being reviewed this summer. Councillors to investigate for next meeting.

All

15) Roads, Footpaths & Hedges

- a) Parish Steward Update – Cllr. Nick Tyler reported that the parish steward had been taken off normal duties this month to work on potholes across the county. Any potholes Can be reported on the MyWilts App. He will ask the parish steward if the white posts at the entrance to Stockley can be cleaned. Cllr. Charlie Brown asked by some roads don't get gritted. Cllr. Rob Robinson replied that only the bus routes are gritted.
- b) To discuss condition of road/path at entrance to village car park – Cllr. Geoff Dickerson said that this has now been repaired. Cllr. Nick Tyler to investigate where the boundaries are.

Nick

Nick

16) Parish Matters

- a) Phone Box Repainting – moved to next meeting

Clerk

17) Parish Council Admin

- a) Link Councillor Updates – No updates. Cllr Mark Cawley will go to the next Calne Area Board on 3rd February. He will raise concerns about the recycling centre closure and report on this years Steam Rally going ahead.
The Steam Rally Co-Ordinator has requested permission to use the recreation ground for camping at this years Steam Rally. Cllr. Geoff Dickerson proposed to accept, seconded by Cllr. Lynne Sargeant. All agreed.
It has been reported that a villager has made good repairs to the bench by the bus stop by the village hall. Thanks were given for this. Cllr. Lynne Sargeant said it would be good to find out who the bench is dedicated to.
- b) Clerks Report – Old website has now been redirected to new website. Clerk is checking a time sheet of overtime worked.

Mark

Clerk

18) To note agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting

Phone Box repainting

Clerk

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

END OF AGENDA

*Future Dates: 11th March 2026
13th May 2026
8th July 2026
9th September 2026
11th November 2026*