

MINUTES

Meeting of Heddington Parish Council

@ 7.30pm Wednesday 13th May 2026 in Charles Willis Hall

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

Present: Cllr. Sally Wilkinson, Cllr. Mark Cawley, Cllr. Charlie Brown, Cllr. Geoff Dickerson, Cllr. Nick Tyler, Cllr. Phil Brown, Cllr. Lynne Sargeant, Cllr. Sam Pearce-Kearney (Wiltshire Council), Emma Marsh (Clerk)

Public: 2

Apologies: Cllr. Rob Robinson pass on his apologies, Cllr Lynne Sargeant proposed to accept, seconded by Cllr. Nick Tyler, unanimously accepted.

Meeting was deemed quorate.

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 given.

4) To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Wednesday 11th March 2026 circulated to members prior to the meeting

Cllr. Mark Cawley proposed to accept the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Charlie Brown, agreed unanimously. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr. Geoff Dickerson.

5) To discuss new councillor applications for vacancy in Heddington Ward and vote if appropriate

Two resident have submitted resumes which have been circulated to all councillors. These were Pat Hudd and Jonathan Anstee de Mas. Pat Hudd passed on her apologies for not attending the meeting. Applicants were asked if there was anything further they wished to add to their resumes. Nothing to add and no questions from councillors. The clerk handed out voting forms, and the Clerk counted the votes as follows: Pat Hudd – 0, Jonathan Anstee de Mas – 6. Jonathan Anstee de Mas was duly elected as councillor for Heddington Parish Council, Heddington Ward.

6) Planning Applications

- a) **PL/2025/03284** - All Oaks Farm, Heddington, SN11 0PF. Erection of agricultural wooden cabin for residential use and wooden storage unit – Retrospective

Cllr. Geoff Dickerson reported that this application has now been refused and the original Enforcement Notice has been reinstated. Cllr. Sam Pearce-Kearney will find out who the Enforcement officer will be. Cllr. Mark Cawley asked if the planning application can be appealed, and Cllr. Charlie Brown asked how long can this go on for. Cllr. Sam Pearce-Kearney replied that yes, they can appeal and the householder can submit an unlimited number of planning applications, but they must keep paying for them.

- b) To discuss recent developments at The Stoneyard, Heddington Common.

New owner has bought The Stoneyard. Cllr. Geoff Dickerson has spoken to new owner. Planning to use existing buildings as small units. Old owner still has access until December 2026.

Sam

- c) **PL/2026/02292** - Candleford Cottage, Stockley, Calne, SN11 0NT. Single Storey Ground Floor Side Extension to main dwelling.
Cllr. Geoff Dickerson proposed "No adverse Comments", seconded by Cllr. Mark Cawley. Agreed unanimously.

Clerk

7) Finance & Accounts

- a) Treasurers Account
- i) Invoices Received
- April – WALC £277.37
Countrywide £243.41
Octopus Energy £21.43
Hills Waste £35.58
Clerk Stationary £45.49
Bank Charges £4.25
- May – Salaries £516.94
Insurance £629.28
Countrywide £243.41
- ii) Credits Received
- April - Electric Poles £84.00
Precept £6215.64
VAT Claimed £ 464.78
- b) Balance Of Accounts
- Second Pools House - £500.00
Heddington Charities - £8,601.49
Treasurers Account – Heddington Parish Council £25,570.73
Treasurers Account – Land Fund £10,019.50

All councillors accepted.

- c) To discuss and agree Heddington Parish Council Annual Accounts.
Councillors unanimously agreed to accept the accounts.

Mark
/Clerk

8) To discuss Highways Improvement Request Form regarding speed reduction and traffic calming measures along A3102 at Mile Elm

Cllr. Geoff Dickerson read out the nature of the issue and requests from the householder. Cllr. Sam Pearce-Kearney reported that the police have tested the speed of the road and it is about right. Speed warning signs may help, but crash barriers are now thought to cause more injuries. It was generally agreed that this is a dangerous road and there have always been accidents. Cllr. Sam Pearce-Kearney will contact Mark Stansby at Wiltshire Council Highways and asked that householder contact him directly to discuss. Heddington Parish Council will review when more information becomes available.

Sam

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

Perimeter Path – Cllr. Phil Brown will ask a groundworker to visit the site and give recommendations/costs.

Play Equipment – Cllr. Geoff Dickerson and Cllr. Lynne Sargeant met with representative from Lapsett. Estimate costs £10,000 to replace panels and £3,000 to repair current panels. Panels look rough but this is mainly cosmetic and they could be repainted. Legs are ok but could be painted with preservative. Cllr. Geoff Dickerson and Cllr. Lynne Sargeant due to meet again with Lapsett on 22nd May 2026.

Zip-Wire – Cllr. Rob Robinson can put another anchor and strainer on car park end to bring post to vertical. Platform at field end is starting to rot. Not dangerous at the present. Could replace decking. Cllr. Phil Brown will ask for quotes and suggestions

Cllr. Phil Brown asked about insurance for carrying out these works. If using a reputable contractor then we should be covered.

Lynne
/
Geoff

Phil

Trampoline - Cllr. Geoff Dickerson reported that there is lots of litter underneath the trampoline. It is fixed down with concealed hooks. Cllr. Phil Brown will investigate how these can be unhooked so the litter can be removed.

Phil

10) To discuss car park lighting and replacement bollard quotes

Still looking to replace bollards with steel post in front. Sign has disappeared from Disabled Parking spot and needs replacing with more permanent option. Nine bollards on original quote. It was suggested that lighting bollards be replaced with short lamp posts. Cllr. Geoff Dickerson said the council is restricted under its lease as to what lighting would be allowed. Current lights are on automatic timer during winter months to suit school hours and override switch used by event organisers for other lighting times. Cllr. Lynne Sargeant suggested reducing the number of lights needed and Cllr. Geoff Dickerson said the light nearest to the school path could be illuminated both ways.

*Geoff/
Rob*

11) Reports on Village Spring Clean

Event was very successful. About 5 volunteers turned up in each ward. Rubbish hasn't been removed from recreation ground yet, but this has been chased. Next Village Clean on 10th October 2026.

12) To discuss the proposed closure of the recycling facilities at Lower Compton

Cllr. Sam Pearce-Kearney reported that Hills have now revised their quote and the closure has been postponed for 1+1+1 years. Wiltshire Council are looking for other sites.

13) To discuss proposed Traffic Regulation Order for various roads in Heddington

This has now gone to public consultation.

14) To discuss proposed diversion of public footpaths Heddington 20A and Calne 20A

Wiltshire Council have applied to re-site public footpath from going across field to edge of field. Cllr. Mark Cawley proposed to support application, seconded by Cllr. Lynne Sargeant. Unanimously agreed.

15) To discuss and update Council on flooding at Heddington Wick

Wiltshire Council had produced a report on this. Cllr. Mark Cawley reported that a new manhole has been installed and that there is possibly a drain damaged by BT. Cllr. Sam Pearce-Kearney said Wiltshire Council normally cover the repair cost for this.

16) Roads, Footpaths & Hedges

- a) Parish Steward Update – Parish Steward returning to village duties soon, but no start date given. Please let Cllr. Nick Tyler or Cllr. Charlie Brown know if anything needs addressing.
- b) A number of sites were reported as having hedges overgrowing the road or footpaths. Clerk to write to householders. Cllr. Sam Pearce-Kearney said that these can be reported via the MyWilts App if they are not cut back.

Clerk

17) Parish Matters

- a) Phone Box Repainting – Cllr. Phil Brown and Cllr. Charlie Brown are still looking into this.

*Phil/
Charlie*

18) Parish Council Admin

- a) Link Councillor Updates - None
- b) Clerks Report – Still having problems with the bin at Stockley being emptied. Have asked Grists to refund 2 months and bin should be emptied on Thursday 14th May 2026.

Clerk

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

Cllr. Geoff Dickerson asked for item be added to Personnel Committee meeting agenda to discuss clerk hours increasing and to discuss terms & conditions and mileage allowance.

Clerk

Meeting Closed: 8.40pm

END OF MINUTES

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

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