

MINUTES

Meeting of Heddington Parish Council

Wednesday 8th July 2026 @ 7:30pm, Charles Willis Hall

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

Present: Cllr. Geoff Dickerson, Cllr. Nick Tyler, Cllr. Sally Wilkinson, Cllr. Mark Cawley, Cllr. Charlie Brown, Cllr. Jon Anstee de Mas, Cllr. Phil Brown, Cllr. Lynne Sargeant, Cllr. Sam Pearce-Kearney, Emma Marsh (clerk).

Apologies: Cllr. Rob Robinson. Cllr. Charlie Brown proposed to accept apologies, seconded by Cllr. Jon Anstee de Mas, agreed unanimously.

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 at this time.

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 13th May 2026 circulated to members prior to the meeting:

Cllr. Nick Tyler proposed to accept the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Jon Anstee de Mas, agreed unanimously. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr. Geoff Dickerson.

5) To discuss assigning Councillor to oversee the roles of and responsibilities for Calne Area Parish Forum and Local Highway & Footpath Improvement Group:

Cllr. Jon Anstee de Mas agreed to take over the role of Heddington Parish Council representative on the Calne Area Parish Forum and LHFIF groups.

6) To discuss and agree the following Council Policies:

- a) Code of Conduct - Approved
- b) Standing Orders - Approved
- c) Financial Regulations - Approved
- d) Equality and Diversity - Approved
- e) Social Media and Communication - Approved

7) 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 explained that unless owners appeal decision or present new application, Wiltshire Council will enforce Enforcement Notice after 13th August 2026.

- b) **PL/2026/03562** - Ivy Inn, Heddington, Calne, SN11 0PL. Proposed single-storey extension, replacement of windows, and minor internal alterations and improvements. Listed Building consent application.

Majority of Councillors declared an interest in the Ivy Inn and the decision was taken to proceed as per item 2) on the minutes of 12th November 2025.

It was proposed by Cllr. Nick Tyler and seconded by Cllr. Mark Cawley that Heddington Parish Council fully supports this application. Agreed unanimously.

Clerk

- c) **PL/2026/03258** – Ivy Inn, Heddington, Calne, SN11 0PL. Proposed single-storey extension, replacement of windows, and minor internal alterations and improvements. Full Planning permission application.

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It was proposed by Cllr. Jon Anstee de Mas and seconded by Cllr. Mark Cawley that Heddington Parish Council fully supports this application. Agreed unanimously.

Clerk

8) Finance & Accounts

a) Treasurers Account

- i) Invoices Received
- | | |
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| May - | Salaries £516.94 |
| | Insurance £629.28 |
| | Countrywide £243.41 |
| | Octopus Energy £20.98 |
| | Grist £8.99 |
| | Hills Waste £27.73 |
| | Bank charges £4.25 |
| June – | Village Hall £180.00 |
| | Countrywide £243.41 |
| | Octopus Energy £19.94 |
| | Hills Waste £27.94 |
| | Bank charges £4.67 |

- ii) Credits Received May - £464.78

b) Amenity Land Account

- i) Invoices Received – None
- ii) Credits Received
- | | |
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| April - | Interest £4.25 |
| May - | Interest £4.39 |
| June - | Interest £3.98 |

- c) Balance Of Accounts
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| Second Poors House - | £500.00 |
| Heddington Charities - | £8,675.94 |
| Treasurers Account – Heddington Parish Council | £25,497.60 |
| Treasurers Account – Land Fund | £10,027.87 |

Cllr. Mark Cawley reported that there had been a VAT credit made to the Treasurers Account. The accounts were accepted.

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

Cllr. Sam Pearce-Kearney reported that he has spoken to Wiltshire Council Highways department who have spoken to the Police about this matter. It was reported that the driver of the car swerved to avoid a deer in the road. Deer warning signs may not solve the problem in this location. Chevrons may help. Councillors decided that they were happy to support any recommendations made by the Highways department and Police.

Clerk

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

Cllr. Geoff Dickerson reported that Cllr. Rob Robinson has investigated installing a new anchor on the zip wire, but there is a concern that this may put additional stresses on other components. The zip wire is currently safe. Cllr. Geoff Dickerson had spoken to Andy Meakin at Redlynch and a new modern

equivalent replacement zip wire would cost about £15,000 plus installation costs. It was suggested that Hedddington parish Council could approach Hedddington Primary school and Hedddington Pre-school about fundraising which Hedddington Parish Council could help fund. The decks may need replacing in the meantime. This just needs some new wood. The anticipated life remaining for the zip wire is 18-24 months. The original zip wire was paid for via fundraising undertaken by the two schools and the local community. Cllr. Lynne Sargeant proposed writing to the two schools asking if they would like to replace the zip wire and if they could instigate a fundraising programme. Seconded by Cllr. Nick Tyler, agreed unanimously.

Clerk

Cllr. Lynne Sargeant has a list of paints that can be used for the and posts on the zip wire and the panels on the other equipment and will investigate prices. Cllr. Phil Brown is happy to paint these and will ask for volunteers from the school parents.

Phil

Cllr. Geoff Dickerson has received a quote of about £25,000 for a replacement perimeter path. This was deemed too much for the council to afford. He suggested mixing dust with cement and brushing into the gaps. Cllr. Phil Brown will try this in a trial area.

Phil

11) To discuss car park lightening and replacement bollard quotes:

Cllr. Geoff Dickerson reported that Cllr. Rob Robinson as passed two quotes to him for replacement bollards. Hislops quote was for about £4,000 included galvanised steel protection for the bollards. Quoted for 9, 1m high illuminated black bollards but no mention of control panel or bollard manufacturer given in quote. WEC quote for about £3,000 for 9, 1m high bollards. Cllr. Geoff Dickerson has arranged to meet with Hislops on 21th July 2026 to discuss quote. It was suggested that the number of bollards could be reduced to 7.

Geoff

12) To discuss request for speed reducing measures between The Common and Broads Green:

Cllr. Sam Pearce-Kearney reported that Calne Town Council are currently looking into speed limits and Wiltshire Council may offer Traffic Speed Limit monitors for free. Mark Stansby is the contact at Wiltshire Council. Cllr. Jon Anstee de Mas will investigate.

Jon

13) To review complaint regarding damaged foundations to stables by The Pond at Hedddington Wick:

A complaint has been received regarding damage to the stable's foundations opposite Marsh End Farm when work carried out to clear Hedddington Pond over 10 years ago. No complaints or reports of damage were received at the time.

14) To discuss requirements from the Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme (PEAS):

Clerk to pass this to Cllr. Rob Robinson.

Clerk

15) Roads, Footpaths & Hedges

- a) Parish Steward Update – Steward is back on Parish duties. Clerk to set up Council WhatsApp group so councillors can report any work needed to Cllr. Nick Tyler. Councillors to send mobile numbers to Clerk.
- b) Overgrown hedges update – All households previously contacted have cut back their hedges. Marsh End Farm has only cut back their household hedge. Field hedge is overgrowing road. Clerk to report to Wiltshire Council, Highways department, proposed by Cllr. Phil Brown, seconded by Cllr. Lynne Sargeant, agreed unanimously. Hedge at Thistledown, Stockley is also overgrowing road. Clerk to contact homeowner.
- c) Overgrown and inaccessible footpaths – Cllr. Nick Tyler reported that he has been recently contacted by Wiltshire Council regarding his footpaths. He has arranged for styles to be installed. Cllr. Sally Wilkinson reported that the byway behind Hillside, Hedddington is very overgrown and needs cutting back. Cllr. Sam Pearce-Kearney said that this can be reported via the MyWilts App.

All

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16) Parish Matters

- a) Phone Box Repainting – this is still ongoing.

17) Parish Council Admin

- a) Link Councillor Updates – No updates
- b) Clerks Report
 - Stockley notice board: Clerk has had 3 new keys made as previously there was on only one. Cllr. Phil Brown and Cllr. Jon Anstee de Mas offered to take a key each.
 - Review of Register of Interests: Clerk advised that all Councillors home addresses have now been removed from the Register of Interests on the Wiltshire Council website. All Councillors should review their Register of Interests annually.

Clerk

All

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

Open Reach scheme at The Common

Meeting closed 8.17pm

END OF MINUTES

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