

MINUTES

Meeting of Heddington Parish Council

Wednesday 9th September 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. Rob Robinson, Cllr. Mark Cawley, Cllr. Lynne Sargeant, Cllr. Phil Brown, Cllr. Charlie Brown, Cllr. Nick Tyler, Emma Marsh (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. Sally Wilkinson, Cllr. Jon Anstee De Mas. Cllr. Phil Brown proposed to accept apologies seconded by Cllr. Mark Cawley. All in favour.

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Meeting was 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):

Declarations of interest previously declared in November 2025 meeting carried over.

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 8th July 2026 circulated to members prior to the meeting: Cllr Mark Cawley proposed to accept the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Nick Tyler. Agreed unanimously. Minutes were duly signed by Cllr. Geoff Dickerson.

5) To discuss and agree the following Council Policies:

- a) Vexatious Complaints Policy: Cllr. Lynne Sargeant proposed to accept policy, seconded by Cllr. Mark Cawley. Agreed unanimously. Clerk
- b) Privacy Statement: Cllr. Mark Cawley proposed to accept policy, seconded by Cllr. Nick Tyler. Agreed unanimously. Clerk
- c) Freedom of Information Publication Scheme: Cllr. Rob Robinson proposed to accept policy, seconded by Cllr. Charlie Brown. Agreed unanimously. Clerk
- d) Information & Data Protection Policy: Cllr. Mark Cawley proposed to accept policy, seconded by Cllr. Rob Robinson. Agreed unanimously. Clerk

6) 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 – Planning Appeal
Cllr. Geoff Dickerson proposed making the following comments to the Planning Inspectorate “Heddington Parish Council stands by comments made in previous applications, all covered by enforcement orders. The Parish Council still strongly opposed to this application”, seconded by Cllr. Mark Cawley. Agreed unanimously. Clerk
- b) **PL/2026/04872** - 4 Scotts Close, Heddington, Calne, SN11 OPG. Demolition of single storey out-house. Erection of semi-detached 2 bedroom house – Full Planning Permission
Cllr. Geoff Dickerson proposed to comment “No adverse comments”, seconded by Cllr. Nick Tyler. Agreed unanimously. Clerk

- c) **PL/2026/04870** - 4 Scotts Close, Heddington, Calne, SN11 0PG. Single storey rear extension to improve kitchen/living/dining area with internal alterations. Formation of 1st floor balcony over flat roof extension, with double door access from first floor – Householder Planning Permission
Cllr. Geoff Dickerson proposed to comment “No adverse comments”, seconded by Cllr. Lynne Sargeant. Agreed unanimously.

Clerk

7) Finance & Accounts

a) Treasurers Account

- i) Invoices Received July - Octopus Energy £21.36
Grist £2.38
Hills £27.73
Bank Charges £4.25
HMRC Tax £41.93
Countrywide £243.41
Salaries £654.86
Aug – Octopus Energy £20.66
Website £342.00
Clerk Expenses £21.45
Grist £18.58
Hills £27.94
Bank Charges £4.25
Defibrillator £148.80
Countrywide £243.41

ii) Credits Received - None

b) Amenity Land Account

- i) Invoices Received – None
ii) Credits Received July - Interest £4.12
Aug - Interest £4.40

c) Balance Of Accounts

Second Poors House - £500.00
Heddington Charities - £8,683.31
Treasurers Account – Heddington Parish Council £23,674.59
Treasurers Account – Land Fund £10,036.39

Cllr. Lynne Sargeant asked when the next precept payment is due. Cllr. Mark Cawley confirmed that it is expected this month.

Cllr. Phil Brown asked if we have received any credits from Grists for missed bin collections. Cllr. Mark Cawley confirmed that we have and are now roughly £9 in credit with them. The accounts were accepted by the Council.

8) Review and discuss future maintenance and expenditure of Heddington Recreation Ground in particular the zip-wire:

Trampoline: Cllr. Geoff Dickerson reported that the repair of the trampoline will cost approx. £1500 in total. He has approached the Pre-School and Primary school to ask their opinion on whether to repair, replace or remove. The Pre-school thought it wasn't used much by their children. When the school was approached the feeling was the children usually ended up with wet feet after rain. The oldest class of children were asked their opinions and they unanimously stated it should be removed and filled in. Cllr. Nick Tyler said due to the high water table there it would be difficult to drain the area under the trampoline.

Cllr. Nick Tyler and Cllr. Phil Brown volunteered to remove the trampoline if the council decided to do so. Cllr. Lynne Sargeant said because the funding for the trampoline was originally raised by MUGA and the Amenities Committee we should contact them to let them know. Clerk to write to both parties.

Clerk

Zip-Wire: Cllr. Rob Robinson reported that there has been lots of movement around the zip-wire due to the hot weather. He could put in ground anchors but worries this could be expensive and there are liability issues.

Replacement for zip-wire would be about £15,000. ROSPA report due soon. No reply from schools yet about fundraising. All agreed to leave as is until ROSPA report is completed.

Recreation Ground Path: Cllr. Phil Brown filled the cracks in a test patch. The cracks seemed to be bottomless. Cllr. Geoff Dickerson had spoken to Andrew Brown about using some of his road sweepings to fill the cracks. Cllr. Phil Brown and Cllr. Charlie Brown to do another test patch.

Phil/
Charlie

9) To discuss car park lighting and replacement bollard quotes:

Cllr. Geoff Dickerson reported that he had received a new quote for 3 less bollards (£3,390 inc VAT, £2,825 without VAT), which included protection in front of the bollards. Cllr. Mark Cawley proposed to accept quote, seconded by Cllr. Rob Robinson. Agreed unanimously to accept quote.

10) To discuss Open Reach scheme at The Common:

Cllr. Rob Robinson said it looks like they are doing the whole area now.

11) To discuss and agree to Heddington & Stockley Fireworks team permission to use Recreation Ground for event on Saturday, 7th November 2026 (5.30-8.30pm). Set up from 8am on Saturday and clean up on following day:

Councillors unanimously agreed to give permission the use of the Recreation Ground for this event. Clerk to contact organising team.

Clerk

12) To discuss grant application enquiry from Friends of The Ivy:

Cllr. Geoff Dickerson reported that he had received a letter from the Acting Chair of Friends of The Ivy, requesting additional funding. He reminded the Council that they had agreed a grant of £1,500 in November 2025 which has not yet been formally applied for. Both Cllr. Mark Cawley and Cllr. Phil Brown would like to support The Ivy further but the Recreation Ground expense need to come first. We might be able to do this in a few months when finance expenditure becomes clearer. Cllr. Nick Tyler said we have lots of projects that need funding in the Recreation Ground. Cllr. Lynne Sargeant asked if we could use the Land Fund to pay for the repairs to the path and new bollards. Cllr. Nick Tyler said the path repairs would be a more appropriate use of the Land Fund.

Need to discuss at next meeting where payment for bollards comes from and The Ivy grant proposal. Clerk to add to agenda.

Cllr. Phil Brown proposed to give Friend of the Ivy £1500 grant now. All agreed. Clerk to write to Richard Ring asking for a formal letter asking for the £1500 grant and a proposed use of this money and explaining the further grant request to be discussed at the next meeting.

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13) To discuss Village Autumn Clean on Saturday, 10th October:

Cllr. Geoff Dickerson to contact IdVerde to arrange for equipment. Cllr. Lynne Sargeant to act as Heddington Rep and Cllr. Phil Brown to act as Stockley Rep.

Geoff

14) Roads, Footpaths & Hedges

- a) Parish Steward Update – Nothing to report
- b) Overgrown hedges update – Marsh End Farm overgrown hedge was reported to Wiltshire Council via MyWilts App and they wrote a Section 154, Highways Act 2026 notice to the owner. Whilst some effort has been made by the owner to cut back parts of the hedge there remain large sections overgrowing the road. Clerk to report this back to Wiltshire Council.
Hedge at Thistledown has been cut along the bottom, but top half is still overgrowing the road causing problems for high sided vehicles. Clerk to report to Wiltshire Council via MyWilts App.
- c) Cllr. Nick Tyler reported that there is tree limb hanging over the road opposite the turning to Harley Farm. Clerk to report to BT and SSE.

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15) Parish Matters

- a) Phone Box Repainting – Nothing to report

16) Parish Council Admin

- a) Link Councillor Updates – No updates
- b) Clerks Report Village Notice Boards – Clerk reported that the notice boards on the village hall and at Heddington Wick have loose catches. These become undone so the notice boards may be vulnerable in bad weather. Cllr. Mark Cawley agreed to look at this.
Village Hall Booking Fee increase – Clerk reported that the Village Hall Committee have agreed to increase the hall fees from £15 to £20 per meeting.

Mark

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

- Finance of Recreation Ground replacements
- The Ivy grant request

Clerk

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

END OF MINUTES

*Future Dates: 11th November 2026
13th January 2027
10th March 2027
12th May 2027
14th July 2027
8th September 2027
10th November 2027*