

HEIGHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
c/o 17 East Green, Heighington, Co Durham DL5 6PP

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 8th July at 6.30 PM

Present

Cllr G Blenkinsopp
Cllr G Lee
Cllr M French
Cllr C Teare
Cllr A Holmes
Cllr S Bremner

050.2020 Apologies

L Dunn
Cllr M Woodward
Cllr L Gardiner
Cllr E Thompson

051.2020 Declarations of interests in agenda items

None

052.2020 Approve minutes of meeting held on 18th June 2020

The minutes from the meeting on 18th June 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

053.2020 Sports Field and COVID-19

Minutes taken by Cllr Blenkinsopp

- Discussion around opening the sports field children sports field play area.
 - DBC have opened all children's play areas including the one around Westwood.
 - A vote was taken to re-open the play area and approved.
 - Cllr Blenkinsopp asked Cllr Lee if he could speak to DBC to see if they had any spare Covid warning signs similar to the one they had posted at the Westwood play area.
 - Cllr Blenkinsopp to complete a risk assessment for the play area.

- Discussion around Heighington football club resuming training and locking of car park
 - A traveller had set up camp with 2 horses on Thursday 25th June and left on Saturday 27th June. Cllr Blenkinsopp inspected the area with the traveller and no damage or rubbish was left behind
 - Friday 26th June late night party (loud music & drinking) was held on the football pitch by youths. Numerous glass bottles were left on the football pitch.

- Cllr Blenkinsopp had held meetings with HFC and a risk assessment was completed. Social distancing measures , signage & cleaning materials were also in place.
 - The disabled toilet block was opened during training but the rest of the building is taped off.

- A decision was taken to lock the car park for a trial period of a month

- Cllr Blenkinsopp to discuss car park closure sign with the clerk (When the football team is training the car park will be open and other vehicles can park up. When training finishes the football team will not be able to lock the gates if other vehicles are parked. Signage will be required to inform the public that the car park gates will be locked at 8.00pm so we can lock the gates)

- It was suggested that the next HPC meeting could be a physical meeting in one of the larger halls for safe social distancing. Cllr Blenkinsopp to discuss with the clerk.

- The meeting closed at 7.15