

THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TOWN OF HEDNESFORD

will be held in

Meeting Room 1, Pye Green Community Centre,

Bradbury Lane, Hednesford

at 7:00 P.M. on TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2018

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Welcome by the Chairman
3. To approve the minutes of the Town Assembly held on 18 April 2017
4. To receive reports from Town Organisations including the Town Council
5. To receive an update on Dementia Friendly Initiatives in Hednesford
6. To receive any other reports
7. Open Discussion Forum

Cllr A Pearson
Chairman
4 April 2018



All electors for Hednesford are cordially invited to attend the meeting
which is the opportunity to raise any matters relating to the town

HEDNESFORD TOWN
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HELD AT 7:00 PM ON TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2017
AT THE PYE GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE, HEDNESFORD

PRESENT: Cllr A Pearson (Chairman of the Town Council)
Mr P Harrison (Town Council Manager/Clerk)
Members of the Town Council, District Council and County Council a
representatives of Staffordshire Police and 4 Electors of the Parish

1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and received apologies for absence from Cllrs Mrs S Cartwright

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting held on 19 April 2016 were approved

3. REPORTS OF TOWN ORGANISATIONS

Reports were received in respect of the Heart of Hednesford Project. Information was also reported by Staffordshire Police relating to crime in the area including operations to combat drugs and the new arrangements for local policing

4. HEDNESFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Cllr A Pearson reported on the activities of the Town Council over the last year and indicated the plans that the Council had for the future

5. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY HEDNESFORD

Lynn Evans reported on the ongoing initiatives to raise awareness of dementia including the proposals for the creation of a sensory walk, innovative training to encourage the involvement of young people and events that would be taking place as part of Dementia Awareness Week

The meeting expressed appreciation to Lynn for all the work that she did regarding this matter and also what she was doing to promote the park

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

a) Hednesford Park

It was reported that new lighting in the park and facilities for teenagers had resulted in some problems, most noticeably additional litter. Youths were now gathering in the park rather than at Tesco

b) Station Improvements

The Heart of Hednesford Group was developing a programme to ensure the station was maintained and would also be pursuing with other bodies the possibility of a building being constructed to house ticketing facilities and ideally a public convenience

c) Highways

Serious concerns were expressed regarding the state of the highways. In particular the number of pot holes, the inadequacy of repairs carried out and the lack of drain clearance leading to flooding problems at several locations

It was reported that a major scheme would be undertaken during the summer to address the problems around Hill Top.

Reference was made to traffic not giving way at the island from the road emerging from the Pye Green Valley residential development. It was considered that the installation of a rumble strip might be appropriate

Other items mentioned were:

Speeding traffic throughout the area including Rawnsley Road, Littleworth Hill and Bradbury Lane

The need for additional pedestrian crossing in Stafford Lane

Concerns regarding the safety of the pedestrian crossing in Victoria Street

Damage to the railway bridge at Station Road/Bradbury Lane

The reinstatement of the cast iron finger post that was once located opposite the Jubilee Public House

The meeting ended at 8:45 pm