



Minutes from Regeneration & Community Committee

March 2026

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 6.30 pm at Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford, WS12 4EP

Members of Hednesford Town Council present

Councillors Alan Pearson, Ron Turville (Deputy Chair), Shirley Pearson, Arthur Roden, Ann Turville (Chair) and Carl White

Others present

Lindsey Smith (Chief Officer), Matthew Johnson (Community Officer)
2 Members of the Public

1. Apologies

Cllr Debbie Cartwright
Cllr Sheila Cartwright

2. Declaration of Interest for any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations

None

3. Previous Minutes

To approve and sign the minutes from the Town Council meeting on Tuesday 20th January 2026

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson. Seconded: Cllr A Turville. 5 agreed. 1 abstain.

4. Public Participation

Member of public representing Heart of Hednesford Station Adoption Group gave an update on the current situation regarding the proposed works at Hednesford Railway Station for the Community Hub and Garden project, outlined the long journey and obstacles and informed of the proposed next steps pending the outcome of the Planning and Infrastructure Bill

Cllr G Samuels informed the local plan was presented by CCDC on Monday 16th March and informed that it proposes several big developments including land west of Pye Green Road (under construction or proposed allocations), that Cllr Samuels has chased up issues regarding paving/highways across Hednesford and has been

informed that these are deemed low priority and that Chase Heritage Group presented to CCDC on 20th February 2026 and that CCDC informed to do what need to be done to support the group in favour of the outcomes

5. Community Officer Verbal Update

Community Officer gave a verbal update regarding Community Support grant 2026, Community Support grant 2025 reports, Annual Town Assembly 2026, Wayfinding Bench project and Christmas Light Switch on 2026

6. War Memorial Perimeter Fence

Chief Officer informed that the Project Support Officer has been informed that CCDC are unable to make a path due to the banked land. When asked about tidying back the shrubbery and brambles CCDC informed that this would fall to volunteers of Hednesford Park. Hednesford Park advised that due to capacity issues and issues with the removal of cuttings that this is a difficult and time consuming task

7. Accessible parking at War Memorial

CCDC advised that full planning consent would be needed but due to proximity to traffic lights this is not likely to be successful. Limited funding available.

8. Tribute to Hednesford War Memorial Preservation Society

Cllr R Turville explained the work that the War Memorial Preservation Society carried out and that it is important to acknowledge them. Cllr R Turville requested to place a plaque at the Memorial grounds that he would fund and requested Officer support to help gain permissions

Proposed: Cllr R Turville. Seconded: Cllr A Turville. All agreed

9. Protection of Wildlife

A short discussion took place about how Hednesford Town Council can help protect local wildlife especially Hedgehogs and Squirrels. Options were discussed including providing public information on the Hednesford Town Council webpage

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson. Seconded: Cllr C White. All agreed

10. Sharing of local news

Cllr Ron Turville asked why local information is not being shared. Chief Officer reminded that the 2026 budget includes funding for a digital newsletter for Hednesford which will commence from April 2026. Hednesford Town Council share information on the webpage and local social media sites with key information also being available on notice district boards.

11. Computer and Mobile Phone classes

A discussion took place about why Hednesford Town Council do not provide computer and mobile phone literacy classes. Chief Officer informed this is because Council have set no budget for it and that Officers can look into bespoke training for Cllrs if it was felt needed

12. Scam Awareness Training

Following a discussion about Scams and awareness raising it was suggested that the Community Officer arranges for a session at The Hub@Pye Green and promotes this to all members of the community

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson. Seconded: Cllr A Roden. All agreed

13. Working with Hednesford Churches

A discussion took place about how Hednesford Town Council can work closer with our local Churches. Cllrs were advised that they can speak with the local places of worship to build links and bring back suggestions

14. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 630pm

Meeting closed at 7:40pm