

ROTHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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**AGENDA for meeting to be held on Wednesday 13th April 2011
in the Parish Hall (Upstairs) Rothbury commencing 715pm**

Apologies for absence

48/11 **Declarations of Interest**

49/11 **Public Questions**

50/11 **Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2011:** To consider any amendments necessary to the minutes

51/11 **Matters Arising**

51/11.01 Chairman's Announcements

51/11.02 Urgent Business

51/11.03 NCC Provision of Local Services: to discuss future obligations

51/11.04 Church Clock update: to discuss future clock repairs that may be required

51/11.05 Dog Bins: to discuss progress on requested bins

51/11.06 Parish Clusters: to discuss issues

51/11.07 Bridge Works: to discuss bridge design

51/11.08 Community Policing: to discuss issues

51/11.09 Mayoral Chain: to discuss chain donation

52/11 **Planning:** to receive notification of any issue, and to consider the Council position

52/11.01 **Planning Applications have been received for the following:**

- A/2011/091 Mr B Hunt, Ballachan Hillside - orangery to rear elevation

52/11.02 **Notice of Approval of Planning have been received for the following:**

- A/2011/0061: Lloyds Bank - Display Unit
- A/2011/0047: Lloyds Bank - Display Unit
- A/2011/0031: Mr A Arkle, 27 Woodlands - Rear Dormer, Atherton Hillside
- A/2011/0009: Mr & Mrs G Winstanley, Highfield - Removal partition walls
- A/2010/0462: Mrs S Gregory - Change of use, Albert House

53/11 **Financial Matters**

53/11.01 Accounts for Authorisation

- Rothbury & Coquetdale Youth Association - £ 1000
- Smith of Derby - Clock Service - £200.40
- C Miller- IT Equipment - £430
- UCCT - March Bus - £80.00

54/11 **Seats/Trees:** to report any seat/tree issues: Churchyard Tree

55/11 **Paths/Verges:** to report on any path/verge issues

56/11 **Unitary Councillor Report:**

Coun. Bridgett to update Parish Council on relevant Northumberland County Council matters

57/11 **Correspondence**

57/11.01 NCC - Whitton View Development

57/11.02 Steven Bridgett - AV Referendum 5/5/11

57/11.03 CE Electric UK - Consultation events

57/11.04 CPRE - newsletter

57/11.05 NCC - Statement of Licensing Policy for Sex Establishments

57/11.06 Heather Lister - Cyclepath

57/11.07 Neighbourhood Disputes

58/11 **Cllr Sandford - retirement**

- 59/11** Any additional agenda items for inclusion please contact Clerk or Chairman
- 60/11** Items to be discussed in private (exclusion of public)
- 60/11.01 Whitton View Development
- 61/11** Date of Next Meeting

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Apologies for absence

Cllr A Fendley, Cllr S Bridgett

PRESENT

Cllr P Dawson (Chair)

Cllr H Edes
Cllr C Dawson
Cllr J Reynolds

Cllr J Morton
Cllr R Murray
Cllr M Gilson

In attendance

Richard Hayes, NCC

32/11 Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded all councillors of their duty to declare, at the start of any such item on the agenda, if they have a personal or prejudicial interest.

33/11 Meeting with Richard Hayes, Northumberland County Council

Winter snow clearance and gritting discussed, RH reported the current season the worst pre-Christmas weather encountered, and in terms of maintaining access, some areas struggled, with the A1 & A697 problematic. Ensured two levels of action - strategic and grass roots - with local arrangements to assist communities, which did work well, but not in all areas, NCC to provide details of current action plan for RPC to comment, however last year RPC did complete an NCC form asking for priorities - RH agreed this had not been followed through properly. There had been difficulties of moving the snowing elsewhere, as not permitted to dump in river, it was suggested NCC discuss this further with the Environment Agency. RPC had had concerns over access to the hospital, which had been identified previously by RPC as a priority route. Future concerns are regarding the bridge work traffic flow, and need to have guarantees this area will be a priority. It would be helpful if the main footpaths, shopping area, and school routes are prioritised. (NCC had reverted back to using grit as opposed to salt). The routes cleared by farmers also need to be revised, however they can only plough and not put salt/grit down. NCC did have problems with the depth of their ploughs, and are converting some of their machinery to allow ploughs to be fixed to them. NCC Helpdesk had dealt with 9,000 calls, and information put out on social networking sites, however improvements could be made. Potholes - NCC expecting Central Government funding to support resurfacing in the summer, however potholes have to be filled in temporarily due to the risk of legal action from motorists.

34/11 Public Questions

- No public questions.

35/11 Minutes of the meeting

- It was proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Edes and **IT WAS AGREED** that the minutes be adopted.

36/11 Matters Arising

36/11.01 Chairman's Announcements

None.

36/11.02 Urgent Business

- Chairman's Mayoral Chain.
- Rooks
- Motorcycles
- Bus Stop request

36/11.03 NCC Provision of Local Services

- Still awaiting response for follow up meeting.

36/11.04 Church Clock update

- New Chairman PCC yet to be elected.

36/11.05 Dog Bins

- Reply received from Industrial Estate owner agents, due to H&S implications should the bins not be managed correctly, the landlord does not wish to give consent for a bin. Believe bakery owners were willing to pay for bins previously and this was agreed with owners, but situation now seems to have changed. Northern Trust appear to be an international commercial property company with very little links to the North-East, however bin could be located on Northumberland Estate land. Cllr Gilson to initially contact NCC.
- Rooks - e-mail received from Richard Hurst, his opinion being a concerted effort should be made to resolve the problem. RPC had agreed last year not to do anything until the tree survey had been carried out, which hasn't yet been done, and the only solution would be to crown the trees which is not an option. Agreed RPC cannot take any action and the matter be closed.

36/11.06 Parish Clusters

- Any items councillors wish to see raised can be made to Cllr Dawson or Fendley.

36/11.07 Bridge Works

- Correspondence received from NCC and English Heritage, PC/community views were put to EH, despite this, the view was discounted by EH, to achieve a less dominating effect. Scheduled Monument Consent plan approved October 2010 with permitted development consent, therefore no formal consultation process required. Cllr Dawson has written to Chief Executive NCC with reply received. It was agreed the Appeals procedure should be followed through, and fully support NCC arrange a night time meeting, at their earliest opportunity. Clerk to write and ask appeal to be put in place, and request NCC submit amended application.

36/11.08 Community Policing

Confirmed the Police Officer quoted as saying there is a 'dark side of Rothbury,' was a direct quotation in the local press, and some residents are not happy about this being printed in the Northumberland Gazette. However any issues should be taken up with the Inspector and it could be discussed at the next police forum.

37/11 Planning

37/11.01 Planning Applications have been received for the following:

- A/2011/0046: Mcinerney Homes - footpaths, Whitton View - comments made - Cllr Murray believes plan contain errors.
- A/2011/0053: Lloyds Bank - Display unit - supported
- A/2011/0047: Lloyds Bank - Window display - supported
- Northumberland County Council Tree Preservation Order - Moorside - sub-committee to look at

38/11 Financial Matters

38/11.01 Accounts for Authorisation

- C Miller - quarterly salary & expenses - £879.94
- UCCT - February bus hire - £80.00 - £57 received in fares
- Jubilee Institute - use of room 2010/11 - 13 meetings - £65
- M Evens - £80 - seat repairs - seat numbers should be stated on invoices
- J Ayre - £80 - seat repairs - seat numbers should be stated on invoices
- R Murray - £8.99 - reimbursement of web-site two yearly fee

39/11 Seats/Trees

- Proposed gardeners be employed earlier, as Cemetery Superintendent has not carried out any work this winter, with having a heavy workload at the Cemetery.
- Crocus bed in excellent condition at present time.

40/11 Paths/Verges

- Cllr Morton reported a visitor telling her in their opinion; the village is in the worst state they have ever seen it - with litter, dog dirt, brown staining in front of Turks from scaffolding, posts requiring re-painting, seat repairs and state of W /C' s. However great piles of snow have left their mark, and NCC mechanical sweeper does visit the village once a fortnight. A couple of posts are down which the gardeners can action.

41/11 Unitary Councillor Report

- Cllr Bridgett had sent e-mail regarding proposed pedestrian crossing, however the timescale for accessing funding had lapsed, however funding MAY become available in the future. Riverside resurfacing to be looked at again, however no mention of the missing stones. Clerk to contact Scrutiny Committee

42/11

Correspondence

- 42/11.01 PCC - confirmation of Parish hall booking
- 42/11.02 John Penrose MP - bridge works - discussed earlier
- 42/11.03 Alnwick Playhouse - Spring 2011 - for information
- 42/11.04 Great North Air Ambulance - donation thanks - for information
- 42/11.05 City & County - newsletter - available for circulation
- 42/11.06 Northumberland County Council - Whitton View - acknowledgement
- 42/11.07 Northumberland County Council - Bus Services - survey AI corridor - to comments services are retained as at present
- 42/11.08 Mrs Wood, Addycombe Gardens - Request for Bus Shelter - suggestion has been made for area at Greenwell Bakery, however bus stop could not be moved to Bakery as parking spaces would be lost, and RPC would have to take on responsibility of a shelter. Agreed provision of shelter not viable.
- 42/11.09 Heather Lister - problems with motorcycles taking up parking spaces on the High Street - HL had contacted police and received reply stating as no restrictions they are unable to do anything. Not a matter the PC can help with, however there will be parking proposals discussed in the next few years, and comments should be made then.
- 42/11.10 Mrs Wilbie Chalke - mayoral chain - offer to update to permanent chain - PC to accept, and undertake discussion with PC of what it should be.

43/11

Cllr Sandford - retirement

Cllr Dawson had endeavoured to contact Cllr Sandford, and left note to thank him for all his work with the PC. The Youth Project and community transport would not be in existence without him.

44/11

Quality Parish Council

Grant Awarding Policy - all councillors to look at document and make comment within 7 days.

45/11

Any additional agenda items

- Whitton View Development - acknowledgement received, Cllr Dawson replied stating disappointment a detailed response could not be provided, but had been asked to attend a daytime meeting, difficult when at work, had requested bullet point reply but nothing received to date.

46/11

Items to be discussed in private (exclusion of public)

- None.

47/11

Date of Next Meeting

- Wednesday 13th April 2011 in Parish Hall commencing 715pm