

ROTHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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**AGENDA for meeting to be held on Wednesday 9th February 2011
in the Jubilee Hall, Rothbury commencing 715pm**

Apologies for absence

17/11 **Declarations of Interest**

18/11 **Public Questions**

19/11 **Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2011:** To consider any amendments necessary to the minutes.

20/11 **Matters Arising**

20/11.01 Chairman's Announcements

20/11.02 Urgent Business

20/11.03 NCC: Provision of Local Services

20/11.04 Church Clock update: to discuss future clock repairs that may be required

20/11.05 Dog Bins: to discuss progress on requested bins

20/11.06 Parish Clusters

20/11.07 Bridge Works: to discuss bridge design

20/11.08 Community Policing

21/11 **Planning:** to receive notification of any issue, and to consider the Council position

21/11.01 **Planning Applications have been received for the following:**

- A/2010/0462: Mrs S Gregory, Portland House - change of use to flats, Albert House, Front Street Rothbury.
- A/2010/0426: Mr A Stripp, 2 High field - River Croft High Street - extension
- A/2010/0501 : Mr R Sutton, Moorside - crown reduction of larch

21/11.02 **Notice of Approval of Planning have been received for the following:**

- 10/00232/CDD: Rothbury County First School - rain gauge
- A/2010/0406: Mr A Chesney, Gimmerknowe - dormer window

22/11 Financial Matters

22/11.01 **Accounts for Authorisation**

- Great Air North Ambulance - request for donation - £150 donated 22/4/09
- Coquetdale Amateur Dramatic Society - request for donation - £75 donated 20/2/10
- Northumberland Estates - Rent - £80.00
- UCCT - January Bus - £80.00
- Youth Project Funding

23/11 **Seats/Trees:** to report any seat/tree issues: seat donation request

24/11 **Paths/Verges:** to report on any path/verge issues

25/11 **Unitary Councillor Report:**

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

26/11 **Correspondence**

26/11.01 Environment Agency - Flash Flooding

26/11.02 Northumberland County Council - Provision of Local Services & 2011/12 Budget

26/11.03 Northumberland County Council - snow clearance

26/11.04 NHS North of Tyne - consultation

26/11.05 Get Active - Northumberland Physical Activity Strategy consultation

27/11 **Cllr Sandford - retirement**

28/11 **Quality Parish Council:** Grant Awarding Policy

29/11 **Any additional agenda items for inclusion:** please contact Clerk or Chairman

30/11	Items to be discussed in private (exclusion of public)
30/11.01	Whitton View Development
31/11	Date of Next Meeting

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Apologies for absence Cllr T Sandford

PRESENT Cllr P Dawson (Chair)

Cllr H Edes Cllr J Morton
Cllr C Dawson Cllr R Murray
Cllr M Gilson Cllr A Fendley
Cllr J Reynolds

In attendance

Cllr S Bridget (County Council)
Mr P Brewis (County Council)
Mr B Stobbs (County Council)
Sergeant G Vickers, Northumbria Police

01/11 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.

02/11 Meeting with Northumberland County Council/Police regarding bridge works

Principal issues - traffic management, movement of pedestrians, parking, winter concerns, how bridge will look on completion. Three way traffic lights will be in existence. Police prime concern being safe passage of vehicles through the works, clockwise route up Haw Hill agreed with all parties and will be classed as primary gritting network in winter, salt bins to be placed on Haw Hill, 20mph speed restriction. Discussions to be taken with hospital and farming community for larger vehicles. Lighting useful for safe passage of pedestrians, footway long and narrow, signage and passing place to be placed. Fire Service agreed direction of diverted traffic most appropriate. NCC to provide over-ride switch for retained fire fighters for green light 2/3 minutes to get to station. Ambulance Service/National Park/Pubs/All Saints Church in agreement with diversion, although have concerns with parking also shared by Tomlinson's Cafe. Cowhaugh car park to be made free to some NHS staff, National Park, Tomlinson's cafe staff and residents of Hawhill and Church Street. Blue badge holders to have dedicated bays and parking would be supervised by wardens. Events such as music festival will require discussions. Information will be placed in library, tourist information office, surgery, Tomlinson's. Lighting of completed bridge could be possible. English Heritage having to approve bridge design. One opportunity for bridge to be restored, suggest English Heritage be invited to meet with Parish Council and community. Mr Brewis fears timescale for discussions will disappear. One-way system to start approximately April.

03/11 Public Questions A. Izzard, War Memorial Flag

Mr Izzard concerned the position the flag was flown on Remembrance Sunday - his opinion being at 'half mast' it should be flown two thirds up the flagpole. Cllr Dawson had previously been shown to fly half way up. Information passed from Mr Izzard regarding positioning.

Sergeant Vickers informed on low crime figures over festive season. Public Order offence for Addycombe resident pending, and they are in breach of Crasbo, with tenancy re-possession ongoing. Numerous road traffic collisions due to black ice. Police Priority Setting Forum 20/1/11 630pm, Highways/Homes for Northumberland/Local Multi Agency Partnership/Sue Peart/David Rathband to possibly attend. Training Sessions for volunteer station workers to be carried out next week.

04/11 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2010: It was proposed by Cllr. Dawson and seconded by Cllr. Fendley and IT WAS AGREED that the minutes be adopted.

05/11 Matters Arising

05/11.01 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Sandford ill, hopefully attend next months meeting to confirm his retirement

05/11.02 Urgent Business

- NCC Regional flood information
- Alnwick Playhouse - request for donation
- NCC Third Local Transport Plan
- NCC Service Costing 2011/12 budget

05/11.03 NHS Governor matters

Nothing to report.

05/11.04 Lord Armstrong Bi-centenary

Adverse weather conditions had curtailed local National Trust events. Armstrong Trail leaflet produced.

05/11.05 Church Clock update

Correspondence received from Potts, report sent 5 years ago stating work would be needed on chiming mechanism, however no recollection of this, need to discuss with PCC.

05/11.06 Dog Bins

Main problem land owners agreeing to bins being placed - NCC have agreed two positions - Industrial Estate and Wagtail Road. PC must contribute 50% towards cost, £98 total PC cost, agreed previously. Dog mess prevalent due to snow conditions, should be picked up regardless of weather conditions. Complaint received regarding Hillside East path with mess prevalent.

05/11.07 Northumberland County Council Parking Strategy

Response sent. Cllr Dawson had attended meeting last week. Charges are to remain in currently charged areas and will not be implemented in current no charging areas. It was suggested shopping permits be used in more than one designated town.

05/11.08 Moor House Crossroads

Nothing to report.

06/11 Planning

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- A/2010/0457: Mrs S Gibson, Hillside - porch to property

07/11 Financial Matters

07/11.01 Accounts for payment

- C Miller - quarterly salary & expenses - £861.77 - authorised in December
- UCCT - £100.00 - November/December Bus - £50.00 received in fees.
- BDO - Audit of Accounts year ended 31/3/10 - £334.88
- Alnwick Playhouse - Request for Donation - £100 agreed

08/11 Seats/Trees

- Seat donation request received - seat at riverside could be replaced, and seat at First School bank. Donee to be contacted.
- Resident of Whitton View had commented trees overhanging their property, landowner should be contacted.
- PCC understand closed churchyard trees are PC responsibility, in discussion with NCC for this to happen in Rothbury. Private discussions have been carried out with Cllr Dawson on this matter.

09/11 Paths/Verges

- Path from bridge to hospital not cleared in recent bad weather, still cannot walk on it due to hard packed ice.
- Damage to verges due to snow clearance, these should be reinstated. Fence adjoining path to hospital taken down due to snow clearing.
- Co-op nick had also received no snow clearing attention. Correspondence to be sent to Chief Executive NCC. Could be discussed at Police Forum next week.
- Path at Whitton View to police houses - reply received from NCC stating condition put in place regarding drainage, and considered increase in height not a problem.

10/11 Unitary Councillor Report

- In agreement with hospital path conditions, problem path not classified as priority on NCC plans, town centre footpaths more a priority, however with low salt supplies these areas being unattended.
- Dog fouling - Cllr Bridgett had met with Head of Public Protection - fixed penalty notices can be issued, possibility to trial system of NCC, councillor's being able to issue notices. Other techniques available - infra red motion activated cameras attached to lamp posts.

- Potential services that could be palmed off to Parish Councils - huge inaccuracies in information from NCC. Cost for W/C's seem rather large, Terry Garnick NCC contacted by Cllr Bridgett regarding anomalies. Cllr Bridgett not in agreement with these services being handed to PC, could mean taxpayers paying twice for some services. Parish Council have obligation to set precept, but legally have until end March to finalise. Local council's have no legal obligation to provide WC's. PC agreed do not wish to take on any additional responsibilities.
- National Park - Church House/Tourist Information Centre - posts may be cut

11/11 Correspondence

- 11/11.01 Northumberland County Council - Tourism Signs, Rothbury Golf Club - objections to removal of car-park sign, but no objections to brown golf club signs, clerk to contact NCC
- 11/11.02 Northumberland County Council - Review of Speed Limit, Brewery Lane - negative reply to request
- 11/11.03 Northumberland County Council - Parish Precept 2011-12 - increase 3% agreed
- 11/11.04 Northumberland County Council - Play Areas - do not wish to take over responsibility
- 11/11.05 Northumberland County Council - Contaminated Land Strategy Consultation - available web-site
- 11/11.06 Northumberland County Council - Additional Grass Cutting Service 2011/12 - 3 additional cuts offered at £530 - not interested
- 11/11.07 Northumberland County Council - Sure Start - for information
- 11/11.08 Northumberland Strategic Partnership - Sustainable Community Strategy - for information
- 11/11.09 Northumberland County Council - North Brief - meeting dates (day-time)
- 11/11.10 Northumberland County Council - meeting 25/1/11
- 11/11.11 Community Action Northumberland News - copies available
- 11/11.12 CPRE - newsletter - for information
- 11/11.13 Northumberland County Council - Provision of Local Services and the 2010/11 Budget - discussed earlier
- 11/11.14 Web-site - request for photograph copying - agreed
- 11/11.15 Web-site - heraldry collector - items available on e-bay
- 11/11.16 WRVS - getabout Northumberland - poster available
- 11/11.17 Northumberland County Council - Parish Cluster - meeting 26/1/11
- 11/11.18 Royal British Legion - 90th birthday celebrations

12/11 Cllr Sandford - retirement

Unfortunately Cllr Sandford unwell.

13/11 Flag - Civic Occasions

Mr Izzard's comments to be noted. Are there other times the flag should be flown? Some occasions it has to be flown royal weddings/funerals, etc.

14/11 Any additional agenda items

15/11 Items to be discussed in private (exclusion of public)

15/11.01 Whitton View Development

Private

16/11 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Rothbury Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 9th February 2011 commencing 715pm in the Jubilee Hall.

2011/12 Meeting Dates

2011
13 April 11 May 15 June 13 July 10 August 14 September 12 October
9 November 7 December

2012
18 January 15 February 14 March