

**ROTHBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**AGENDA for meeting to be held on Wednesday 9th March 2011  
in the Parish Hall (Upstairs) Rothbury commencing 715pm**

**Apologies for absence**

- 32/11**            **Declarations of Interest**
- 33/11**            **Meeting with Richard Hayes, Northumberland County Council**
- 34/11**            **Public Questions**
- 35/11**            **Minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2011: To consider any amendments necessary to the minutes**
- 36/11**            **Matters Arising**
- 36/11.01        Chairman's Announcements
- 36/11.02        Urgent Business
- 36/11.03        NCC Provision of Local Services: to discuss future obligations
- 36/11.04        Church Clock update: to discuss future clock repairs that may be required
- 36/11.05        Dog Bins: to discuss progress on requested bins
- 36/11.06        Parish Clusters: to discuss issues
- 36/11.07        Bridge Works: to discuss bridge design
- 36/11.08        Community Policing: to discuss issues
- 37/11**            **Planning: to receive notification of any issue, and to consider the Council position**
- 37/11.01        **Planning Applications have been received for the following:**  
A/2011/0046: McInerney Homes - footpaths, Whitton View  
A/2011/0053: Lloyds Bank - Display unit  
A/2011/0047: Lloyds Bank - Window display
- 37/11.02        **Notice of Approval of Planning have been received for the following:**
- 38/11**            **Financial Matters**
- 38/11/01        Accounts for Authorisation
- C Miller - quarterly salary & expenses - £879.94
  - UCCT - February bus hire
  - Jubilee Institute - use of room 2010/11 - 13 meetings - £65
- 39/11**            **Seats/Trees: to report any seat/tree issues: seat donation request**
- 40/11**            **Paths/Verges: to report on any path/verge issues**
- 41/11**            **Unitary Councillor Report:**  
Coun. Bridgett to update Parish Council on relevant Northumberland County Council matters
- 42/11**            **Correspondence**
- 42/11.01        PCC - confirmation of hall booking
- 42/11.02        John Penrose MP - bridge works
- 42/11.03        Alnwick Playhouse - Spring 2011
- 42/11.04        Great North Air Ambulance - donation thanks
- 42/11.05        City & County - newsletter
- 42/11.06        Northumberland County Council - Whitton View
- 42/11.07        Northumberland County Council - Bus Services
- 42/11.08        Northumberland County Council - Tree Preservation Order
- 43/11**            **Cllr Sandford - retirement**
- 44/11**            **Quality Parish Council: Grant Awarding Policy**

- 45/11**      **Any additional agenda items for inclusion:** please contact Clerk or Chairman
- 46/11**      **Items to be discussed in private (exclusion of public)**
- 46/11.01      Whitton View Development
- 47/11**      **Date of Next Meeting**

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**Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 9th February 2011 in the Jubilee Hall, Rothbury commencing 715pm**

**Apologies for absence** Cllr J Morton, Cllr T Sandford

**PRESENT Cllr P Dawson (Chair)**

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

**In attendance**

Cllr S Bridget (County Council)

**17/11 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. Cllr Dawson, Mrs Dawson, Edes & Reynolds declared an interest on the Youth Project as trustees.

**18/11 Public Questions**

No public questions.

**19/11 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2011**

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

**20/11 Matters Arising**

**20/11.01 Chairman's Announcements**

No announcements.

**20/11.02 Urgent Business**

Round Table; David Francis retirement; Consultation on taxi licence zones; Invoices - Age Concern/Speeding signs Budget review; Community chest support; Venue of future meetings.

**20/11/03 NCC Provision of Local Services**

NCC have asked for details of services carried out as a parish, Cllr Dawson has provided these.

**20/11.04 Church Clock update**

Details of available dates given to Chairman PCC to discuss clock and churchyard trees, awaiting confirmation.

**20/11.05 Dog Bins**

Land owners traced, one awaiting reply, the other a tenant of the land have agreed, although adopted road, awaiting reply from Northumberland Estates.

**20/11.06 Parish Clusters**

Meeting held 26/1/11, 12 local parishes present and Deputy Leader NCC. Next meeting 30/3/11 Jubilee Hall. PC's have to agree 'priorities.' Update on National Park Centre - will reopen this year, further discussion 2012.

**20/11/07 Bridge Works**

Correspondence forwarded to Minister of Tourism & Heritage, and Alan Beith has replied to say he is in contact with the Minister. Important to minute extreme anger felt by all council at last PC meeting, very unhappy PC and community views disregarded by English Heritage. If we want public to be aware of PC's feelings a public meeting should be arranged. Clerk to contact English Heritage.

- 20/11/08 **Community Policing**  
Meeting held 20/1/11, representatives from NCC, Highways Design Team, Housing Department, Multi-Agency, Police, PC's, members of public, to be rotation of Chairman and one permanent secretary. Speeding, Parking, Crasbo discussed. Speed camera meeting held at Stannington, with next local meeting to be 14/4/11, would be interesting to find out roles of 'volunteer co-ordinators.'
- 21/11 **Planning**
- 21/11.01 **Planning Applications have been received for the following:**
- A/2011/0031: Mr M Arkle - Atherton, Hillside - rear dormer
  - A/2011/0009: Mr & Mrs G Winstanley, High field - creation of one large bedroom
- 21/11.02 **Notice of Approval of Planning have been received for the following:**
- 22/11 **Financial Matters**
- 22/11/01 Accounts for Authorisation
- Great North Air Ambulance - request for donation - £200 agreed
  - Coquetdale Amateur Dramatic Society - request for donation - £75 agreed
  - Northumberland Estates - rent - £80
  - UCCT - January bus hire - £80 - £92 received in fares
  - Age Concern - £250
  - Northumberland County Council - motorcycle signage - £50 - to query, PC did not agree to donate to this.
  - Rothbury & Coquetdale Youth Project - supported for financial year 2011/12, agreed forum should be formed with PC, youth project users and parents.
- 23/11 **Seats/Trees**
- Allotment - Cllr Edes and tenant Cyril Foster had visited site, holders pleased with improvements, would like rabbit netting on fence funded by PC. Agreed PC would not fund this.
  - Gardeners - Agreed to keep memorial bed as at present- Lord Armstrong.
  - Seat inspection carried out by gardeners, small repairs required.
  - Seat donation request - currently looking for plastic seating available with commemorative plaque.
- 24/11 **Paths/Verges**
- Grass pulled up by snow clearance - part has been actioned at Addycombe.
  - Road gully's in several areas in need of action, outside tennis courts, road to old MacKay's.
- 25/11 **Unitary Councillor Report**
- Contacted by Forestry Commission employees, Defra have indicated Rothbury deemed for closure.
  - Meeting held with National Park Chief Executive, Andrew Miller NP and NCC, looking at two years grace for Tourist Information Centre. Carrying out library review, opportunities available for bringing number of services under one roof NP to meet and set budget 16/2/11. Forests should not be sold off, consultation PC can respond to on Defra web-site. Jobs being cut, should make issue of job losses in area. Agreed strong letter should be drafted.
  - NCC now required to publish expenditure above £500.
  - Cyclepath surfacing - still potential for frost, will be actioned in immediate future.
  - Pedestrian crossing - links to school from Cyclepath, - money now withdrawn as one major landowner did not give permission for usage on their land. It appears all of the ancient sandstone stones have not been replaced, and it seems archaeologists should have been involved.
- 26/11 **Correspondence**
- 26/11.01 Environment Agency - Flash Flooding, EA wish to meet with PC, agreed - on related matter lack of co-operation between EA and statutory flood group members
- 26/11.02 Northumberland County Council - Provision of Local Services & 2011/12 Budget - discussed earlier
- 26/11.03 Northumberland County Council - snow clearance - agreed to action areas requested, PC to invite Dick Fraser to meeting as suggested.

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- 26/11.04 NHS North of Tyne - consultation - can access details on web-site, problems with Chemist not being able to open if Chemist not able to get to work (problems had occurred in recent snow conditions).
- 26/11.05 Get Active - Northumberland Physical Activity Strategy consultation - available on web-site.
- 26/11.06 Street Fair - Round Table asking for assistance with areas for parking and marshalling duties, not thought PC could help. Cllr Dawson to speak to RT.
- 26/11.07 Budget Review, Community Chest - for information.
- 26/11.08 Future of taxi rank zone/provision - questionnaire - Cllr Dawson to complete.
- 26/11.09 David Francis - to mark his 30 year service - donation request - PC could not justify donating to this.
- 27/11 **Cllr Sandford - retirement**
- Cllr Sandford currently unwell, he has to resign formally in writing, Cllr Dawson to contact him and ask if he can put resignation in writing, if not PC to wait the 6 months meeting unattendance and he will cease automatically to serve as a councillor.
  - Change of venue to Parish Hall discussed, agreed to this move.
  - Food & Craft fair changed to Easter Monday
- 28/11 **Quality Parish Council**  
Standard Grant Awarding Policy compiled by Clerk, to discuss at next meeting.
- 29/11 **Any additional agenda items**  
Discussed earlier.
- 30/11 **Items to be discussed in private (exclusion of public)**
- 31/11 **Date of Next Meeting**  
The next meeting of Rothbury Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 9th March 2011 in the Parish Hall (upstairs) commencing 7.15pm