

**ROTHBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**AGENDA for meeting to be held on Wednesday 12th May 2010  
in the Jubilee Hall. Rothbury commencing 7.0pm**

**Apologies for absence**

**56/10**            **Declarations of Interest**

**57/10**            **Election of Officers**

**58/10**            **Public Questions: To receive any questions notified by members of the public**

**59/10**            **Minutes of the meeting held 14th April 2010:** To consider any amendments necessary to the minutes.

**60/10**            **Matters Arising**

60/10.01        Crime & Disorder Forum: to receive update on any issues

60/10.02        Rural Transport/Shopper's Group: to receive update on any issues

60/10.03        Play Areas: to discuss future Parish Council responsibilities for play areas

60/10.04        Northumberland County Council Local Transport Plan: to discuss West End Chicane rejected project and any other LTP issues

60/10.05        NHS Governor matters: to receive update on any issues

60/10.06        Residential Home: to receive update on project progress

60/10.07        Flooding/Dealing with emergencies: to receive update on any issues

60/10.08        Community Lights Committee: to receive update on any issues

60/10.09        Turks Head Area Gully: to receive update on action by Northumberland County Council

60/10.10        Churchyard Wall: to consider the progress of the wall repair

69/10.11        Quality Parish Council: to discuss newsletter creation

60/10.12        Parish Cluster Forums: to report on recent Parish Cluster Forum

60/10.13        Lord Armstrong Bi-centenary: to receive update on proposed celebrations

60/10.14        War Memorial: to receive update on recent railing accidental damage

60/10.15        Road Bridge repairs: to receive update on Northumberland County Council project progress

60/10.16        Future clock expenditure: to discuss future clock repairs that may be required

**61/10**            **Planning:** to receive notification of any issue, and to consider the Council position

61/10.01        Planning Applications have been received for the following

A/2010/0122: Mr J Anderson, Merok, Whitton Terrace - tree removal

61/10.02        Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

A/2010/0054: Mr Walker, Windscarth, Hillside Road East - partial crown reduction

61/10.03        Addycombe Development: to receive notification of any issue

61/10.04        Bridge Street Proposal: to receive notification of any issue

61/10.05        Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission

**62/10**            **Rothbury Plan:** to update on progress for the following projects

62/10.01        Parking

62/10.02        Footpaths

62/10.03        Enhance Public Areas - to report on white post opposite Police Station

62/10.04        Additional Street Lighting

62/10.05        Speed Cameras

62/10.06        Recycling

62/10.07        Cyclepath

62/10.08        Youth Project

62/10.09        Information Signage/Historical Display

**63/10 Financial Matters**

- 63/10.01 Accounts for payment  
UCCT - £100 - March bus hire  
Request for Donation - Carers Northumberland
- 63/10.02 Other Financial Matters  
Authorise Audit of Accounts year ended 31/3/10

**64/10 Seats/Trees:** to report any seat/tree issues

**65/10 Paths/Verges:** to report on any path/verge issues

**66/10 Unitary Councillor Report:**

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

**67/10 Correspondence**

- 67/10.01 M Hodgson - Armstrong Cross illumination
- 67/10.02 Community Action Northumberland - Spring Meeting 13/5/10
- 67/10.03 Northumberland Association of Local Councils - Special General Meeting 18/5/10

**68/10 Urgent Business**

**69/10 Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Rothbury Parish Council will be the Annual Assembly followed by the Monthly Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in the Jubilee Hall Rothbury commencing 715pm

**SCROLL DOWN FOR MINUTES  
OF PREVIOUS MEETING**



**44/10.09 Turks Head Area Gully**

Richard Hayes Northumberland County Council had confirmed works order created but not classed as a priority.

**44/10.10 Churchyard Wall**

Work in progress

**44/10.11 Quality Parish Council**

Cllr Fendley and Sandford to discuss outside of meeting

**44/10.12 Parish Cluster Forums**

Nothing to report.

**44/10.13 Lord Armstrong Bi-centenary**

Comprehensive programme of activities being prepared; Cllr Murray suggested restoring railings to Armstrong Cottages, did come up under HERs Scheme previously.

**44/10.14 War Memorial**

J Gregory & Sons to commence repairs.

**44/10.15 Road Bridge repairs**

Public meeting held 10/4/10 with large turnout and response forms completed. Possible lighting would have to be funded from another budget.

**44/10.16 Future clock expenditure**

Nothing to report.

**45/10 Planning**

**45/10.01 Planning Applications have been received for the following**

- A/2010/0108: Dr Thomlinson Middle School- path construction
- A/2010/0066: Mr P Rogers, Birch Hill, Hillside - construction of 5 bed & 3 bed housing - **under approval of planning applications in error on agenda 14/4/10**

**45/10.02 Notice of Approval of Planning Permission**

- A/2010/0014: Ms L Calvert, Steward House - change of use, Congregational Church Hall

**45/10.03 Addycombe Development**

Cllr Sandford & Fendley had met with McInerney Homes, drains/water discussed; fencing to be taken down, landscaping carried out; when dealing with hedge area the contractor explained it had crumbled away due to adverse weather, they are to replant a hedge and build retaining wall; play area to be created; footpath to have rolling licence for access from Northumberland County Council. Drains may have to be upgraded; gabion baskets to be removed and possibility of permanent wall.

**45/10.04 Bridge Street Proposal**

Old McKay's shop work underway; Neil Armstrong/Gavin Smyth Northumberland County Council can be contacted with any planning concerns.

**45/10.05 Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission**

- A/2010/0013: Ms L Calvert, Steward House - no changes to appearance of Congregational Hall

**46/10 Rothbury Plan**

**46/10.01 Parking:** Traffic Regulations published in local press.

**46/10.02 Footpaths:** Nothing to report

**46/10.03 Enhance Public Areas:** Acknowledgement received about repair request to white post.

**46/10.04 Additional Street Lighting:** Bridge lighting to be requested in next Local Transport Plan.

**46/10.05 Speed Cameras:** Speed a talking point with the public who are waiting for action, Cllr Bridgett did wish to purchase mobile cameras, but rejected at Scrutiny Committee.

**46/10.06 Recycling:** No longer paper recycling available at Haugh.

- 46/10.07 Cyclepath:** Works ongoing. Sustrans site meeting to be held, Parish Council invited.
- 46/10.08 Youth Project:** Meeting to be held 22/4/10. Most likely bid has failed the 2nd funding phase. Local CO-OP fund raising in-store.
- 46/10.09 Information Signage/Historical Display:** Suggested Parish Council fund signage, proposed £350 be budgeted, seconded. Leader funding may be able to aid - Cllr Reynalds to contact Leader +.
- 47/10 Financial Matters:**
- 47/10.01 Accounts for payment**  
Smith of Derby - Clock fault - £176.25  
Smith of Derby - Clock service - £ 196.23  
M Evens, gardening - £114.03  
G Stephenson, gardening - £30.00  
Request for Donation - Northumberland Theatre Co - no donation given 2009/10 - £75 agreed  
Request for Donation - Ellington Juniors Football Club - no donation to be given  
T W Alderson - £8.45  
Jubilee Hall - usage 2009/10 - £60  
Joint Burial committee - Cemetery Superintendent gardening services 2009/10 - £94.50
- 47/10.02 Other Financial Matters**  
Sum received - Northumberland County Council, precept - £6645
- 48/10 Seats/Trees:** M Evens had drawn up plans for Lord Armstrong and guide association celebration flower beds. £50 had been donated for guide plot. Donated tree had been planted and withstood last flooding. Next year memorial bed needs to be thought about. Play area seat removed, should wait until donated seat offered before replacing.
- 49/10 Paths/Verges**  
Bin placed at Burnfoot lay-by.
- 50/10 Allotments:** One allotment holder has left Addycombe Gardens, allotment not attended to for over 12 months, shed still on land - agreed to give tenant 28 days to vacate and remove shed.
- 51/10 Joint Burial Committee Minutes**  
Cllr Murray commented landscaped corner nicely maintained.
- 52/10 Unitary Councillor Report:**  
Several million has to be saved this financial year, redundancies have been capitalised, staffing and front line services are in serious threat, with libraries under discussion. Cllr Sandford proposed the Parish Council negotiate with Northumberland County Council about the library being community run, seconded. Pothole repairs are being undertaken.
- 53/10 Correspondence**
- 53/10.01 Smith of Derby - All Saints Church Clock - repairs/asbestos - Cllr Reynalds to find out if asbestos present
- 53/10.02 Northumberland County Council - winter treatment of footpaths - Cllr Murray to complete
- 53/10.03 North Country Leisure - sporting facilities - to be passed to Recreation Club
- 53/10.04 Northumberland County Council - Northumberland Charter for Local Councils
- 53/10.05 Northumberland Sport - Sports Facilities, Stakeholder Consultation - for information
- 53/10.06 Martin Ayres, 9 Lordenshaw Drive - Stone Wall at Whitton View - discussed earlier
- 53/10.07 Boundary Committee - Electoral Review of Northumberland - Final Recommendations
- 53/10.08 NHS North of Tyne - summary care record - for information
- 53/10.09 CPRE - newsletter - available for circulation
- 53/10.10 Parish of Upper Coquetdale - Service of Welcome 6/5/10
- 53/10.11 AON - Parish Council insurance - for information
- 53/10.12 Community Action - Northumberland News - copies available

**54/10 Urgent Business**

- Data received from Environment Agency by Cllr Murray and available to look at.
- Cllr Bridgett had been looking at heraldry and has the Parish a coat of arms? There is the medal donated to the Parish Council which has coat of arms on, however not sure where this is.

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