



**4/10.08 Community Lights Committee**

Mixed feedback received about new Christmas lighting. Rolling programme to increase lighting, next meeting 20/1/10. General public encouraged to give their views. Accounts to be audited and published.

**4/10.09 Turks Head area gully**

On Northumberland County Council works programme.

**4/10.10 Churchyard Wall**

Coun. Reynalds to confirm if planning permission required.

**4/10.11 Quality Parish Council**

Nothing to report.

**4/10.12 Parish Cluster**

Next meeting 23/2/10.

**4/10.13 Lord Armstrong Bi-Centennial**

Coun. Fendley to circulate proposed dates for informal meeting. Parish Council gardeners happy to plant commemorative flower-bed.

**4/10.14 War Memorial**

Coun. Dawson requesting quotation for insurance work.

**4/10.15 Road Bridge Repairs**

Allocation in Local Transport Plan 2010/11 £915K, and further funds earmarked 2011/12 financial year. Business Club to host meeting with Bridge Engineer Northumberland County Council (NCC) who is to firm up the traffic management side. Work aimed to commence May 2010 - initial work being Bailey Bridge erection.

**4/10.16 Future Clock Expenditure**

Clock seems to be out of sequence once again - expenditure to be discussed in detail when Coun. Dawson present.

**5/10 Planning**

**5/10.01 Planning Applications have been received for the following**

- A/2009/0478: Single storey extension, 31 Addycombe Gardens

**5/10.02 Approval of Planning Application have been received for the following**

None received.

**5/10.03 Addycombe Development**

Nothing to report.

**5/10.04 Bridge Street Proposal**

Nothing to report.

**6/10 Rothbury Plan**

**6/10.01 Parking:** Nothing to report.

**6/10.02 Footpaths:** Nothing to report

**6/10.03 Enhance Public Areas:** Nothing to report

**6/10.04 Additional Street Lighting:** Nothing to report

**6/10.05 Speed Cameras:** Nothing to report

**6/10.06 Recycling:** Nothing to report

**6/10.07 Footpaths:** Nothing to report

**6/10.08 Cyclepath:** Meeting to discuss hedgeworks in March, signs erected indicating work to commence. Concerns raised over multi-use footpaths.

**6/10.09 Youth Project:** Nothing to report.

**6/10.11 Information Signage:** Nothing to report.

**6/10.12 Historical Displays:** Mart buildings could be viable site for display of historical items. Library buildings could be developed, NCC has discussed history and heritage section.

## **7/10 Accounts**

### **The following accounts were authorised**

- Request for Donation - Community Action Northumberland - £50 agreed
- Alnwick Playhouse - £100 agreed
- M Evens - £85.00 - September invoice omitted from M Evens original account - for grass cutting in old churchyards
- Upper Coquetdale Community Transport - December bus hire - £75.00 - £30 received in fares

## **8/10 Seats/Trees**

Donee to visit Rothbury in near future.

## **9/10 Paths/Verges**

Coun. Morton had received two complaints about the path from the newsagents to Bridge Street in front of Harley's surface water and dog dirt. Beyond the newsagents there are kerb and flagstones affected by snow clearance, however Northumberland County Council are aware of path damage due to the weather. It was agreed to contact Dog Warden regarding dirt.

## **10/10 Unitary Councillor Report**

- Northumberland County Council (NCC) personnel have been working not stop during the recent severe weather conditions with ploughs, tractors and snow blowers. In wintry weather 1000 tonnes salt dropped daily, covering 1000 miles, however in the past month the yearly equivalent of work has been carried out. Criticism has been directed to NCC, but those on the front line have carried out a tremendous job, however there have been management problems this year.
- There has been serious snow damage caused to pavements. Coun. Murray fully commended staff on the ground, however feels paths bad due to limited staff over new year period attending to paths, and suggested Coun. Bridgett question staff on their instructions given by managers; what product has been mixed with the sand and salt; and poor re-filling of grit bins with some being cleaned out by individuals 'pilfering' - Coun. Murray thought police should monitor this problem and persons prosecuted for grit theft, it was suggested warning labels be displayed on bins. Agreed to inform police of problem
- A meeting is to be held to discuss winter weather response at County Hall at the end of the month

## **11/10 Correspondence**

- **11/10.01** Northumberland County Council - Budget - for information, public meetings to be held. £15.8 million cuts identified.
- **11/10.02** Haydon Bridge Parish Council - transfer of services to Parish Council's - discussed earlier.
- **11/10.03** Mr Carlisle - Beggar's Rigg - damage by visitors to fenced off area/memorial tree - to inform police.
- **11/10.04** Northumberland County Council - Proposed Chicane - discussed earlier.
- **11/10.05** Community Action Northumberland News - copies available.
- **11/10.06** Community Action Northumberland - Annual Report 2008/09 - for information.
- **11/10.07** Northumberland County Council- Proposals for Play Areas - discussed earlier.
- **11/10.08** National Health Service North of Tyne - Consultation - available to look at. Coun. Fendley understood consultative group set up, however no further information received regarding group.

## **12/10 Any Other Urgent Business/Items for Next Agenda**

- **12/10.01** Coun. Sandford pleased no electricity cuts during bad weather.
- **12/10.02** Coun. Murray reported new heating systems are being installed in old persons' properties at Addycombe, and it should be ensured residents are not left with inadequate heating whilst repairs are carried out.
- **12/10.03** Alnwick & District Sports Evening - suggestions requested by 15/1/10.
- **12/10.04** Person requesting information regarding Whitton Towers - through Parish Council web-site.
- **12/10.05** United Reformed Church (URC) memorial rowan tree on village green overhanging road, they can attend to it or should the Parish Council? It was agreed URC can action.

**13/10 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Rothbury Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 10th February 2010 in the Jubilee Hall, commencing 715pm.

**SCROLL DOWN FOR AGENDA  
OF NEXT MEETING**

**ROTHBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**AGENDA for meeting to be held on Wednesday 10th February 2010  
in the Jubilee Hall. Rothbury commencing 715pm**

**Apologies for absence**

- 14/10**      **Declarations of Interest:** The Chair to remind 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.
- 15/10**      **Public Questions:** To receive any questions notified by members of the public.
- 16/10**      **Minutes of the meeting held 13th January 2010:** To consider any amendments necessary to the minutes.
- 17/10**      **Matters Arising**
- 17/10.01      Crime & Disorder Forum: To receive update on any issues
- 17/10.02      Rural Transport/Shopper's Group: To receive update on any issues
- 17/10.03      Play Areas: To receive update on Play Builder project and any other play area issues
- 17/10.04      Northumberland County Council Local Transport Plan: To discuss West End Chicane rejected project and any other LTP issues
- 17/10.05      NHS Governor Matters: To receive update on any issues
- 17/10.06      Residential Home: To receive update on project progress
- 17/10.07      Flooding/Dealing with emergencies: To receive update on any issues
- 17/10.08      Community Lights Committee: To receive update on any issues
- 17/10.09      Turks Head Area Gully: to receive update on action by Northumberland County Council
- 17/10.10      Churchyard Wall: To consider the progress of the wall repair
- 17/10.11      Quality Parish Council: To consider agenda layout stipulated for QP Council's and to seek volunteer for newsletter creation
- 17/10.12      Parish Cluster Forums: To report on recent Parish Cluster Forum
- 17/10.13      Lord Armstrong Bi-centenary: to receive update on proposed celebrations
- 17/10.14      War Memorial: to receive update on insurance claim quotation
- 17/10.15      Road Bridge repairs: to receive update on Northumberland County Council project progress
- 17/10.16      Future clock expenditure: To discuss future clock repairs that may be required.
- 18/10**      **Planning:** To receive notification of any issue, and to consider the Council position
- 18/10.01      Planning Applications have been received for the following
- A/2010/0013: Ms L Calvert Steward House - Congregational Hall - wheelchair access
  - A/2010/0014: Ms L Calvert Steward House - change of use
- 18/10.02      Notice of Approval of Planning Permission
- A/2009/0451: Mrs J Ludman, National Trust, Scots Gap - bird hide, Cragside Estate
  - A/2009/0456: Mr R Edes, Haw Hill Cottage, Rothbury - retrospective consent for sun deck
- 18/10.03      Addycombe Development: To receive notification of any issue
- 18/10.04      Bridge Street Proposal: To receive notification of any issue
- 19/10**      **Rothbury Plan: To update on progress for the following projects**
- 19/10.01      Parking
- 19/10.02      Footpaths
- 19/10.03      Enhance Public Areas
- 19/10.04      Additional Street Lighting

- 19/10.05 Speed Cameras
- 19/10.06 Recycling
- 19/10.07 Cyclepath
- 19/10.08 Youth Project
- 19/10.09 Information Signage
- 19/10.10 Historical Display

**20/10 Financial Matters**

- 20/10.01 Accounts for payment
    - Coquetdale Amateur Dramatic Society - request for donation - £50 donated 14/1/09
    - Great North Air Ambulance - request for donation - £150 donated 22/4/09
- NB: some new accounts may be presented at the meeting

- 20/10.02 Other Financial Matters

**21/10 Seats/Trees:** To report on tree Donation and any other seat/tree issues

**22/10 Paths/Verges:** To report on any paths/verges issues

**23/10 Unitary Councillor Report:**

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

**24/10 Correspondence**

- 24/10.01 Clerks & Councils Direct - newsletter
- 24/10.02 Northumberland County Council - minutes Standards (Review) Sub-Committee meeting 19/10/09
- 24/10.03 P Armstrong Northumberland County Council - bad weather problems
- 24/10/04 Northumberland County Council - Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Licensing Policy
- 24/10.05 Fruit & Nuts for Alnwick project - Alnwick Area Friends of the Earth
- 24/10/06 Northumberland County Council - North Brief.

**25/10 Urgent Business**

**26/10 Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Rothbury Parish Council will be held on 10th March 2010 in the Jubilee Hall Rothbury commencing 715pm

**27/10 Future Meeting Dates:** To agree proposed meeting dates for 2010/11 listed below:

**2010**

March 10th	April 14th	May 12th
June 9th	July 14th	August 18th
September 15th	October 13th	November 10th
December 8th		

**2011**

January 12th	February 9th	March 9th
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