

ROTHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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**AGENDA for meeting to be held on Wednesday 14th July 2010
in the Jubilee Hall. Rothbury commencing 715pm**

Apologies for absence

83/10 **Declarations of Interest**

84/10 **Public Questions:** To receive any questions notified by members of the public

85/10 **Minutes of the meeting held 9th June 2010:** To consider any amendments necessary to the minutes

86/10 **Matters Arising**

86/10.01 Chairman's Announcements

86/10.02 Urgent Business

86/10.03 Crime & Disorder Forum: next meeting 19/7/10 630pm Jubilee Hall

86/10.04 Play Areas: to discuss future Parish Council responsibilities and costings for play area maintenance

86/10.05 Northumberland County Council Local Transport Plan: to discuss West End Chicane rejected project, and any other LTP issues

86/10.06 NHS Governor matters: to receive update on any issues

86/10.07 Electric car power points: to discuss placing points within Rothbury

86/10.08 Beggar Rigg planting suggestions

86/10.09 Quality Parish Council: feedback from Bridges magazine newsletter

86/10.10 Lord Armstrong Bi-centenary: to receive update on proposed celebrations

86/10.11 Church Clock update: to discuss future clock repairs that may be required

86/10.12 Allotments: to report on tidying up of allotment land & possible purchase of land for additional allotments.

87/10 **Planning:** to receive notification of any issue, and to consider the Council position

87/10.01 **Planning Applications have been received for the following:**

A/2010/0193: Mr B Hunt, Ballachan, Hillside - bespoke structure

A/2010/0236: Mr P Rogers, Birch Hill - 5 bed dwelling, 3 bed bungalow

HE095306: Northumberland County Council- Addycombe Cottages to Whitton View - footpath realignment

87/10.02 **Notice of Approval of Planning Application have been received for the following:**

A/2010/0047: Ms J Sewell, Morpeth - Conversion of shop - Swarland Silencers

87/10.03 Addycombe Development: to receive notification of any issue

87/10.04 Bridge Street Proposal: to receive notification of any issue

87/10.05 **Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission**

88/10 **Financial Matters**

88/10.01 Accounts for payment

D Metcalf - Internal Auditing Accounts year ended 31/3/10 - £114.00

G Stephenson - gardening May - £245.00

M Evens - gardening May - £245.00

UCCT - May shopping bus - £100.00

88/10.02 Donation Requests

John Barleycorn Festival - request for donation - no donation last financial year

89/10 **Seats/Trees:** to report any seat/tree issues

90/10 **Paths/Verges:** to report on any path/verge issues

- 91/10** **Cyclepath:** to report on progress
- 92/10** **Unitary Councillor Report:** Coun. Bridgett to update Parish Council on relevant Northumberland County Council matters
- 93/10** **Correspondence**
- 93/10.01 National Health Service North of Tyne - pharmaceutical needs assessment
- 93/10.02 Alnwick International Music Festival - private showing 2/8/10
- 93/10.03 Northumberland County Council - government savings 2010/11
- 93/10.04 Northumberland Strategic Partnership - Sustainable Community Strategy
- 93/10.05 CPRE - newsletter
- 93/10.06 Northumberland County Council - Ipsos MORI poll
- 93/10.07 Northumberland & Newcastle Society - City & County journal
- 94/10** **Items to be discussed in private (exclusion of public)**
- 94/10.01 Whitton View Development Meeting 21/6/10: to receive minutes
- 94.10.02 Finance
- 94/10.03 History Society
- 94/10.04 Joint Burial Committee
- 95/10** **Any additional agenda items for inclusion please contact Clerk or Chairman**
- 96/10** **Date of Next Meeting**

**SCROLL DOWN FOR MINUTES
OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 9th June 2010 in the Jubilee Hall, Rothbury commencing 715pm
Apologies for absence

PRESENT Cllr P Dawson (Chair)

Cllr Mrs H Edes
Cllr J Reynolds
Cllr M Gilson
Cllr R Murray

Cllr Mrs J Morton
Cllr Mrs C Dawson
Cllr T Sandford

In attendance
Two members of public

APOLOGIES Cllr A Fendley, Cllr S Bridgett (County Council)

Cllr P. Dawson apologised for not attending last meeting, and thanked Cllr Mrs C Dawson for standing in and her work as Chairman over the last two years.

70/10 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.

71/10 Public Questions

No public questions.

72/10 Minutes of the meeting held 12th May 2010

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs C. Dawson and seconded by Cllr T. Sandford and IT WAS AGREED that the minutes be adopted with the following amendments:

- Play Areas: 'Alnwick District Council had taken it over,' to add, 'when they requested the Parish Council be responsible for the Addycombe play area'.
- Footpaths: 'for legal reasons' to be omitted.
- Urgent Business: Donkin's Lamp to be changed to Donkin's Well.

73/10.01 Crime & Disorder Forum

It was noted local constabulary no longer attended Parish Council meetings.

73/10.02 Rural Transport/Shopper's Group

Nothing to report.

73/10.03 Play Areas

It was thought the Parish Council should take over responsibility for all play areas, and with concerns over funding from the Mart developer 'disappearing'. Under Local Council Charter parks, playing fields, playgrounds and other open spaces for 'local community,' are listed as Parish Council duties, however with riverside area used mostly by visitors, could say this not 'local community', however Central Government will try and hand over such responsibilities. Cllr Gilson to contact Northumberland County Council for expenditure figures for play area maintenance for the last few years, then matter to be discussed at a separate Parish Council meeting.

73/10.04 Northumberland County Council Local Transport Plan

No response to previous correspondence to Northumberland County Council regarding West End traffic calming measures - NALC could offer legal advice, but the Parish Council would then have to pursue the matter. Pedestrian crossing suggestions discussed - those in favour for War Memorial vicinity - 7, none against. Those in favour to improve existing to Townfoot - 4 in favour, none against. To confirm favoured area being War Memorial and asking for improvements to Townfoot crossing.

73/10.05 NHS Governor matters

Nothing to report.

73/10.06 Residential Home

To be taken off agenda.

73/10.07 Flooding/Dealing with emergencies

Flood Warning Group meeting to be held 6 July 2010 7pm Jubilee Hall. Anti-flood measures update - barriers at Armstrong Cottages and adjacent to Forestry Enterprise, wall at Maltings heightened, discussions to minimise run off from Whitton View. River walk carried out - agreed agencies remove debris and rubbish from river; stepping stones to be replaced; reported no flood hazard at Thropton due to the Wreigh Burn. Drain outside tennis courts is filling up with drain previously damaged - flood action group and Northumberland County Council aware of this.

73/10.08 Community Lights Committee

Nothing to report.

73/10.09 Turks Head Area Gully

County Council staff have looked at gully with work scheduled for tomorrow. Area to be monitored for action by Monday 14/6/10.

73/10.10 Churchyard Wall

Invoice received for work carried out.

73/10.11 Quality Parish Council

A group of councillor's required to further the whole question of this, and whether Parish Council should pursue it. Scheme was brought in to inform the public of council action, however in smaller parishes not so much required. The stumbling block seems to be producing and distributing the newsletter. New Bridges Editor may accept quarterly report for inclusion - Cllr Edes & Dawson to research this.

73/10.12 Parish Cluster Forums

Nothing to report.

73/10.13 Lord Armstrong Bi-centenary

Cllr Dawson declared an interest in this agenda heading. Intending printing leaflets, cross illumination October to December, storyboards, floral bed depiction, middle school competition, display in Jubilee Hall, lecture by Cllr Fendley 19/11/10. Have support of local organisations, National Trust to exhibit at Craggside, walks and church service to be held. Two funding applications in at present, request Parish Council support a donation, figure suggested £500 - £1000. Total expenditure if funds obtained being £6K. Cllr Murray proposed £1000, Cllr Mrs C Dawson seconded.

73/10.14 War Memorial

Repairs carried out, invoice received. Funding could be sought from War Memorial fund to improve safety.

73/10.15 Road Bridge repairs

Cllr Murray wished to note he hoped Northumberland County Council receive money back after selling the house purchased for an office for the bridge project.

73/10.16 Future clock expenditure

Striking out of sequence yet again - engineer had attended site, however further problems and hoping to attend again this week. Suggested opening discussions with another company, or option for clock to tell the time and not chime at all. Relatively recent problems, historical restoration funding could be looked at. At a previous meeting it was agreed to go for a repair rather than a renewal of mechanism, with the present electronics installed 11 years. Proposed engineer look at again, but if cannot correct to try an alternative company, seconded, agreed.

73/10.17 Allotments

Cllr Murray to declare an interest. Parish Council's are only bound by law to provide the earth they dig, with no drainage, fencing, water supply requirements - if more than 6 persons waiting for allotments, obliged to consider alternative allotment land, and legal advice should be sought. McInerney Homes Site Manager confirmed rubbish would be removed and to provide topsoil, but waiting for planning permission to move soil - allotment holders wish to know what level this will be at, if a gradient, and have requested access and hard standing, fencing and drainage to be installed (discussed with developers). Cyril Foster not happy - Drain pipe has been put in, but access to allotments has vanished nobody appears to know what is going on, and concerns run off water will enter allotments.

Cllr Dawson gave assurances the site is being monitored. Power to deal with McInerney Homes lies with Planning Enforcement Officer. Cllr Murray wished it to be minuted he has been accused of abusing his power as a councillor and jumping the waiting list for an allotment, however correct procedures were followed. If persons have problems they can go to the Standard's Board.

73/10.18 Joint Burial Committee Chairman

Cllr Sandford said committee will vote on who they wish for Chairman, traditionally a Rothbury Parish Councillor - subcommittee meeting held 8/6/10, with other councils agreeing this appropriate. Replacement to be discussed at November meeting.

73/10.19 Post Repairs

To re-contact Northumberland County Council regarding post repair by Chinese Restaurant.

73/10.20 Donkin's Well area water

Reply received from Northumbrian Water - suggest contacting Highways Northumberland County Council- could be spring leak. Cllr Dawson to make further enquiries.

74/10 Planning

74/10.01 Planning Applications have been received for the following:

A/2010/0155: Mr S Cann, Star House - removal of sloping roof - supported.

74/10.02 Notice of Approval of Planning Permission have been received for the following:

None received.

74/10.03 Addycombe Development

After site meeting two months ago, Cllr Fendley was to write to McInerney Homes regarding points discussed, one point not addressed is the damaged hedge, were to replant, and reconfirm safety fencing. List of issues would be beneficial. Resident of Addycombe Gardens had contacted Cllr Sandford, unhappy with the last phase of housing not being where it should be, tried to contact Cllr Bridgett to no avail, Planning Department Enforcement Officer were to contact residents.

74/10.04 Bridge Street Proposal

Nothing to report.

74/10.05 Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission

None received.

75/10 Rothbury Plan

75/10.01 Parking

Nothing to report.

75/10.02 Footpaths

White post discussed earlier.

75/10.03 Enhance Public Areas

Nothing to report.

75/10.04 Additional Street Lighting

Nothing to report.

75/10.05 Speed Cameras

Recording devices still not installed.

75/10.06 Recycling

Nothing to report.

75/10.07 Cyclepath

Should not to be renamed bridleway. However if continuously called Cyclepath, cyclists may think they have priority. Cllr Bridgett left note Countess of Wessex attending 24/6/10 to officially open Cyclepath.

75/10.08 Youth Project

AGM 17/6/10.

75/10.09 Information Signage/Historical Display

Covered earlier.

76/10 Financial Matters

76/10.01 Accounts for payment

- C Miller - quarterly salary & expenses - £841.24
- NALC - annual subscription - £256.01
- Request for Donation - Carers Northumberland - £50.00 agreed
- J Gregory & Sons - War Memorial - £2517.62 - insurance funds received from Fleet Support (Warburtons wagon accident). Invoice to be forwarded to Cornhill Allianz for separate repair
- SLCC - annual membership - £82.00
- G Evans - churchyard wall repairs - £350
- Carer's Northumberland - follow up information received - £50 agreed

76/10.02 Other Financial Matters

No issues.

77/10 Seats/Trees

Agreed village looking tremendous at present. Hedge requires trimmed and footpath encroaching towards Hospital - Cllr Murray prepared to carry out trimming works. Complaints received about rook mess on seats - they are washed every Thursday by gardeners; however Northumberland County Council will carry out regular seat washing - Environmental Health to be contacted to request twice weekly - Monday and Friday. Confirmed nesting birds are the responsibility of Parish Council.

78/10 Paths/Verges

Disused railway track issue from last meeting - Cllr Gilson concerned about this, request being from an independently approved Access Officer - however grid references given from him means agreement given for non motorised access route from outside Wagtail Road dwelling to Wagtail Lane where old railway bridge is, and nobody had contacted Cartington Parish Council or local farmers to comment. Cllr Murray had checked details with Tony Derbyshire Northumberland County Council who confirmed they fully supported the proposals.

79/10 Unitary Councillor Report:

Cllr Bridgett not present.

80/10 Correspondence

80/10.01 Northumberland County Council- acknowledgement regarding Beggar's Rigg works - further explanation received stating in previous discussions they had indicated an access route, however did agree mistakes made in not informing Parish Council fully. Requesting ideas for landscaping, nothing about maintenance responsibilities. Should request a specific meeting in the future to discuss ideas. Any thoughts on landscaping/seating arrangements to be discussed at next meeting.

80/10.02 McInerney Homes - Whitton View development - to be discussed in private

80/10.03 Northumberland County Council- Review of Local Council Charter - Cllr Dawson had completed form, parish service legalities to be financed from precept - allotments/bus shelters/seats/commons/village greens/open spaces/public halls/seasonal lighting/war memorials. Do already carry out a large proportion of this. Considerable list of what Parish Councils can take on (optional). To be discussed in detail at future meeting.

80/10.04 Environment Agency - Stepping Stones (2 e-mails) - have been repaired.

80/10.05., Northumberland County Council - North brief - informative newsletter. Suggest Armstrong Bi-Centenary celebrations be published. Could be used for quarterly report (Quality Parish Council procedures).

80/10.06 Land Registry Durham Office - Land registration - Cllr Reynolds to look at and had attended a seminar on village greens. Concerns it could be used to bring in costings for landowners, eg drainage.

80/10.07 Shared Intelligence - Library Service business plan - meeting held 3/6/10 - will be cuts in library services. Public meeting 930 - 1130 Rothbury Library for non library users only. Can figures for library usage be sought, Cllr Morton does have report for 2008.

80/10.08 Northumberland County Council - Communities & Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee Meeting
Monday 21/6/10 Morpeth Town Hall- asking for views

80/10.09 Northumberland County Council- Alnwick Landscape Character Assessment - has been adopted and can be viewed. Cllr Sandford suggested downloading document

80/10.10 Northumberland County Council - cuts in grants

80/10.11 Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Nomination - meeting 18/6/10

80/10.12 Michael Hodgson - illuminating Armstrong Cross - suggesting this should be permanent

81/10 Urgent Business

- Cllr Sandford reported Northumberland Record Office now at Woodhorn Museum.
- Cllr Gilson reported Northumberland County Council asking for comments on dog owner orders - information on website, and in County Council magazine.
- Cllr Murray in touch with Tony Derbyshire regarding handrail at bottom of Jacob's Ladder - ongoing.
- Cllr Murray suggested Parish Council look at installing charging points for electric cars. Could be discussed with Rothbury Projects.

82/10 Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting of Rothbury Parish Council will be on Wednesday 14th July 2010 in the Jubilee Hall Rothbury commencing 7.15pm