

ROTHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Apologies for absence

41/10 **Declarations of Interest**

42/10 **Public Questions:** To receive any questions notified by members of the public

43/10 **Minutes of the meeting held 10th March 2010:** To consider any amendments necessary to the minutes

44/10 **Matters Arising**

44/10.01 Crime & Disorder Forum: To receive update on any issues

44/10.02 Rural Transport/Shopper's Group: To receive update on any issues

44/10.03 Play Areas: To discuss future Parish Council responsibilities for play areas

44/10.04 Northumberland County Council Local Transport Plan: To discuss West End Chicane rejected project and any other LTP issues

44/10.05 NHS Governor matters: To receive update on any issues

44/10.06 Residential Home: To receive update on project progress

44/10.07 Flooding/Dealing with emergencies: To discuss Mr Watson riverside resident comment and to receive update on any issues

44/10.08 Community Lights Committee: To receive update on any issues

44/10.09 Turks Head Area Gully: to receive update on action by Northumberland County Council

44/10.10 Churchyard Wall: To consider the progress of the wall repair

44/10.11 Quality Parish Council: To discuss newsletter creation

44/10.12 Parish Cluster Forums: To report on recent Parish Cluster Forum

44/10.13 Lord Armstrong Bi-centenary: to receive update on proposed celebrations

44/10.14 War Memorial: to receive update on recent railing accidental damage

44/10.15 Road Bridge repairs: to receive update on Northumberland County Council project progress

44/10.16 Future clock expenditure: To discuss future clock repairs that may be required

45/10 **Planning:** To receive notification of any issue, and to consider the Council position

45/10.01 Planning Applications have been received for the following

45/10.02 Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

- A/2010/0066: Mr P Rogers, Birch Hill, Hillside - construction of 5 bed & 3 bed housing

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

45/10.03 Addycombe Development: To receive notification of any issue

45/10.04 Bridge Street Proposal: To receive notification of any issue

45/10 **Rothbury Plan:** To update on progress for the following projects

45/10.01 Parking

45/10.02 Footpaths

45/10.03 Enhance Public Areas - to report on white post opposite Police Station

45/10.04 Additional Street Lighting

45/10.05 Speed Cameras

45/10.06 Recycling

45/10.07 Cyclepath

45/10.08 Youth Project

45/10.09 Information Signage/Historica1 Display

46/10 **Financial Matters**

46/10.01 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
Request for Donation - Ellington Juniors Football Club
Other Financial Matters

46/10.02

47/10 **Seats/Trees:** To report on tree Donation and any other seat/tree issues

48/10 **Paths/Verges:** To report on Burnfoot lay-by any other path/verge issues

49/10 **Allotments:** To discuss present state of Allotment No 4 - not attended to since resident left Addycombe several months ago, however shed still on land

50/10 **Joint Burial Committee Minutes:** Cllr. Sandford to answer any comments/queries concerning minutes

51/10 **Unitary Councillor Report:**
Coun. Bridgett to update Parish Council on relevant Northumberland County Council matters

52/10 **Correspondence**

52/10.01 Smith of Derby - All Saints Church Clock - repairs/asbestos

52/10.02 Northumberland County Council - winter treatment of footpaths

52/10.03 North Country Leisure - sporting facilities

52/10.04 Northumberland County Council - Northumberland Charter for Local Councils

52/10.05 Northumberland Sport - Sports Facilities, Stakeholder Consultation

52/10.06 Martin Ayres, 9 Lordenshaw Drive - Stone Wall at Whitton View

52/10.07 Boundary Committee - Electoral Review of Northumberland - Final Recommendations

52/10.08 NHS North of Tyne - summary care record

52/10.09 CPRE - newsletter

53/10 **Urgent Business**

54/10 **Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Rothbury Parish Council will be the Annual Assembly followed by the Monthly Meeting held on 12th May 2010 in the Jubilee Hall Rothbury commencing 7.15pm

**SCROLL DOWN FOR MINUTES
OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Rothbury Parish Council Meeting 10 March 2010

Approved Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 10th March 2010 in the Jubilee Hall, Rothbury commencing 715pm

PRESENT	Cllr C Dawson (Chair)	In attendance
	Cllr H Edes	Cllr J Morton
	Cllr P Dawson	Cllr R Murray
	Cllr A Fendley	Cllr J Reynolds
	Cllr M Gilson	
	Cllr T Sandford	

Apologies for absence Cllr Bridgett, Northumberland County Council

28/10 **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.

29/10 **Public Questions:** - Member of public present regarding possibility of reinstatement zip wire previously at riverside, and its probable location. Playbuilder fund rejected, however if zip wire returned it will not be placed in original site.

30/10 **Minutes of the meeting held 10th February 2010**

It was proposed by Cllr and seconded by Cllr and

IT WAS AGREED that the minutes be adopted with the following amendment: 19/10.07: works to commence within next month on **land purchased from** Cllr Morton by Northumberland County Council.

31/10 **Matters Arising**

31/10.01 **Crime & Disorder Forum**

Next meeting 20/3/10.

31/10.02 **Rural Transport/Shopper's Group**

Nothing to report.

31/10.03 **Play Areas**

Rejection correspondence received from Playbuilder project. Decision will need to be made regarding possibility of Parish Council taking over play area responsibilities, would have serious financial implications, requires in-depth discussion. Confirmation requested for 10K funding in Northumberland County Council budget. Whitton View play area - fences erected - ongoing issue between planners and McInemey Homes.

31/10.04 **Northumberland County Council Local Transport Plan**

Cllr Dawson had met with Northumberland County Council (NCC) personnel regarding West End Chicane - to be discussed in private. Further railing damage to War Memorial, - delivery wagon, company to arrange repairs. Suggestions for safer pedestrian usage discussed informally with NCC, removal of 2 parking bays, metre footpath on North side. It was proposed plan be accepted before transmission to NCC for comment, proposal seconded. Speeding survey plan received from NCC requiring confirmation of sites - asking for site at recreation club to be moved to Armstrong Cottages and Garleigh road slightly nearer to village.

31/10.05 **NHS Governor matters**

Dissatisfaction with Out of hour's service discussed, some GP's not being part of service.

31 /10.06 **Residential Home**

Developer looking at possible sites.

31/10.07 **Flooding/Dealing with emergencies**

Environment Agency putting in barrier at stepping stone area. Whitton View under discussion reference drainage. No form of communication since November from organisations. Cllr Murray has contacted EA regarding stepping stones and they have been taken into account, waiting for plans of flow levels. Proposed river walk postponed yet again.

31/10.08 **Community Lights Committee**

Coffee morning 17/4/10. Problems with some Christmas lighting, to be exchanged.

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31/10.09 Turks Head Area Gully

Nothing to report.

31/10.10 Churchyard Wall repair

Works not yet commenced.

31/10.11 Quality Parish Council

Cllr Mrs Dawson, Fendley and Sandford to discuss newsletter creation.

31/10.12 Parish Cluster Forums

Last forum cancelled.

31/10.13 Lord Armstrong Bi-centenary

Floral display, Cross flood lighting, display in Jubilee Hall, History Society offering help, Middle School expressed interest in pupil involvement, Craggside have hydraulic theme display, planning costume re-enactments of visit of Prince of Wales, procession from Craggside to village and firework display. Free open weekend 20-21 March at Craggside. Next meeting 20/4/10, Cllr Fendley's home.

31/10.14 War Memorial

Quotation approved from Cornhill Allianz for previous claim.

31/10.15 Road Bridge repairs

Cllr Dawson had contacted Northumberland County Council regarding supporting lighting of the bridge.

31/10.16 Future clock expenditure

Cllr Dawson had contacted W Potts requesting a condition report of the clock. Cllr Reynolds suggested local person be employed to rectify endless faults, Cllr Dawson said system is computerised and this not possible.

32/10 Planning

32/10.01 Planning Applications have been received for the following

- A/2010/0048: Ms J Sewell, Longframlington - conversion of shop to cafe, hostel, cycle shop - Swarland Silencers - Sub-committee meeting met, issues discussed covered parking, velux windows. Comments made regarding cafe opening hours, access to flat and will glazed canopy be reinstated?
- A/2010/0054: Mr Walker, Hillside, Woodpeckers - crown reduction - supported
- I0/00042/LBC: Northumberland County Council, Bridge House - demolition and reinstatement sandstone walls

32/10.02 Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

- A/2009/0389: Mrs M Hedley, Monkseaton - Internal tanking, Thrum Mill
- A/2009/0478: Homes for Northumberland - single storey side extension, 31 Addycombe Gardens
- A/2009/0533: Mr I Beswick, Newcastle Diocesan - works to trees in rectory

32/10.03 Addycombe Development

Cllr Sandford noticed part of hedge has been vandalised/destroyed and wooden fence disintegrated. The security fence has drop of 20-30 feet on other side and part of the planning permission was creation of a boundary fence. Agreed a site visit necessary with developers, Cllr Fendley, Sandford and Murray prepared to attend a meeting.

32/10.04 Bridge Street Proposal

Nothing to report.

33/10 Rothbury Plan: To update on progress for the following projects

33/10.01 Parking: Northumberland County Council regarding off street parking plan proposals received for comment - Traffic Regulation Order with a small number of changes - to consolidate and rationalise off street parking orders. Agreed to comment bus charges should be £1 per hour as opposed to £5 per 4 hours and all parking charges should be equalised throughout the county.

33/10.02 Footpaths: Horserider had complained about riverside signs stating no access due to construction work. There is a permanent barrier whilst cycle path works going on, and the general public were informed and able to make comments before closure.

33/10.03 Enhance Public Areas

A post requires repair opposite police station. Clerk to contact Northumberland County Council.

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33/10.04 Additional Street Lighting

Nothing to report.

33/10.05 Speed Cameras

Discussed earlier.

33/10.06 Recycling

Nothing to report

33/10.07 Cyclepath

Discussed earlier.

33/10.08 Youth Project

Donation request received - Cllr Dawson, Mrs Dawson, Edes, Reynalds declared an interest as trustees. £1K proposed and seconded. Cheque to be post-dated April 2010, as funding already given this financial year.

33/10.09 Information Signage

Cllr Bridgett was looking into funding. Parish Council could consider funding signage themselves or grant funding applications could be sought by Parish Council.

33/10.10 Historical Display

To be included in above heading.

34/10 Financial Matters

34/10.01 Accounts for payment

- C Miller - quarterly salary & expenses - £893.60
- Request for Donation - Food & Craft Festival- accounts enclosed and requesting use of village greens for Farmer's Market (agreed) - £200 proposed and seconded
- Request for Donation - Mencap - £100 proposed and seconded
- Request for Donation - Victim Support- £100 proposed and seconded
- Request for Donation - Rothbury & Coquetdale Youth Project - £1K agreed for next financial year

34/10.02 Other Financial Matters

No matters to discuss

35/10 Seats/Trees

Seat at bottom of Well Strand past repair, Northumberland County Council have removed it. Bed works to be commenced next weekend. Memorial bed to be actioned by gardeners. Two seats on Hillside East past woods are fairly new but the stain does not last very long, and one seat requires a back repair. Bird droppings problematic on seats. Cllr Gilson repeating rook problem in centre of village, however gardeners will be washing seats - Cllr Dawson said if anybody can come up with a humane and legal solution to removing rooks they are welcome to attend a Parish Council meeting. Donated tree to be planted at riverside.

36/10 Paths/Verges

Post still in need of repair - Cllr Gilson trying to gain quotations. Car park area at Burnfoot requires tidying up and the grass verge on corner past Thrum Mill has logs stacked with the verge cut to pieces - clerk to contact Northumberland County Council.

37/10 Unitary Councillor Report

Cllr Bridgett not present.

38/10 Correspondence

- 38/10.01 Northumberland National Park & County JLAF Recruitment Year 8 - for information
- 38/10.02 Northumberland County Council - Rothbury Riverside Bridleway - notice of closure
- 38/10.03 City & County - Northumberland & Newcastle Society newsletter - available for circulation
- 38/10.04 Hospice Care News - newsletter
- 38/10.05 Cheviot Hills - Heritage Project - available for circulation
- 38/10.06 North Country Leisure
- 38/10.07 Rural Employability Service - set up in Jubilee Hall

39/10 Urgent Business

- Joint Burial Committee agenda - one point being to extend railings - £8K required for further works, Cllr Murray to look at grant funding information.

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- Cllr Edes reported Thomlinson Trust committee will be re-appointed every four years, have decided receipts required for further funding for students.
- NALC - comments required on e-mailed minutes - Cllr Murray thought unsatisfactory way of circulating them

40/10

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting of Rothbury Parish Council will be held on 14th April 2010 in the Jubilee Hall Rothbury commencing 715pm