

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 12th May 2010 in the Jubilee Hall, Rothbury commencing 715pm

PRESENT Cllr C Dawson (Chair)

Cllr H Edes
Cllr A Fendley
Cllr M Gilson
Cllr R Murray

In attendance

Cllr S Bridget (County Council)

Apologies for absence Cllr P Dawson

56/10 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

57/10 Election of Officers

- Cllr Dawson proposed as Chairman by Cllr Fendley, Cllr Sandford seconded this. No other nominations, carried.
- Cllr Edes proposed Cllr Fendley as Vice Chairman, Cllr Gilson seconded this. No other nominations, carried. As Cllr Dawson not present due to unforeseen circumstances, Cllr Mrs Dawson to Chair this meeting.
- Planning Sub Committee: Cllr Morton, Murray, Dawson.
- Finance Sub Committee: Cllr Morton, Sandford, Dawson.
- Thomlinson's Trust: Cllr Mrs Dawson, Edes
- Joint Burial Committee: Cllr Sandford, Mrs Dawson, Edes, Reynolds - Cllr Sandford to stand down October 2010.
- Seats & Trees Sub Committee: Cllr Edes, Fendley, Gilson

58/10 Public Questions

No public questions.

59/10 Minutes of the meeting held 14th April 2010

It was proposed by Cllr _____ and seconded by Cllr _____ and **IT WAS AGREED** that the minutes be adopted with the following amendment

60/10 Matters Arising

Cllr Edes had attended service for new assistant priest of Alwinton.

60/10.01 **Crime & Disorder Forum**

Nothing to report.

60/10.02 **Rural Transport/Shopper's Group**

AGM 17/5/10.

60/10.03 **Play Areas**

Northumberland County Council (NCC) in possession of 10K reserve from Horizon Homes. Cllr Bridgett confirmed 20K had been set aside with 10K already spent on building new riverside area. Currently several repairs required - NCC have been informed. If Parish Council take over maintenance, this 10K to be taken note of - to pick up reserves, although NCC may keep maintaining the area but place a levy on the precept. Cllr Murray concerned tax payers being paid twice with this levy and contributing to play area maintenance through council tax. Cllr Bridgett explained all council tax is now being paid into a central budget for the whole of the county, with Central Government stipulating cuts have to be made. Cllr Edes reminded all initially the Parish Council were responsible for the riverside area, then Alnwick District Council had taken it over.

60/10.04 **Northumberland County Council Local Transport Plan**

Nothing to report.

60/10.05 **NHS Governor matters**

Meeting held 21/4/10 at hospital - agreed additional consultations to be held, low bed occupancy of concern.

60/10.06 **Residential Home**

No suitable land secured.

60/10.07 **Flooding/Dealing with emergencies**

River walk planned 1/6/10, followed by flood group meeting. Maltings wall being erected, however it is a foot lower than September flooding levels, lack of response from various organisations deplorable. Water from Whitton View persistently running like a torrent, and the developer and even householders could be held responsible for drainage issues.

60/10.08 **Community Lights Committee**

Nothing to report.

60/10.09 **Turks Head Area Gully**

Richard Hayes Northumberland County Council has assured works will be carried out in next two weeks. Stepping stone repairs cannot go ahead until Environment Agency have given formal permission.

60/10.10 **Churchyard Wall**

Contractor, Cllr Mrs Dawson & Bridgett to make site visit.

60/10.11 **Quality Parish Council**

Currently, 1500 households within parish boundary.

60/10.12 **Parish Cluster Forums**

Nothing to report.

60/10.13 **Lord Armstrong Bi-centenary**

Progress being made - cross illumination, floral tribute bed, storyboards at Armstrong Cottages, old churchyard, cooperation with school. Next meeting 27/5/10. Support and help of Chris Macy - Parochial Church Council-secured. Cllr Murray has details of relevant funding organisation. Cllr Fendley to request financial aid from Parish Council in the near future.

60/10.14 **War Memorial**

Nothing to report.

60/10.15 **Road Bridge repairs**

To be discussed in private.

60/10.16 **Future clock expenditure**

Report received from W Potts, however chimes yet again out of sequence. Colin Wheeler head campanologist thought ongoing problem due to electronics/microchip, and is prepared to talk with Parish Council. Cllr Reynolds has spoken to Colin and suggested discussing with Cllr Dawson about speaking to an electronics company in Carlisle, also thought extra charges had been paid by Parish Council to W Potts for unlimited call outs. Asbestos query ongoing with Parochial Church Council.

61/10 Planning

61/10.01 **Planning Applications have been received for the following**

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

A/2010/0048: Ms J Sewell, Morpeth - shop conversion, Swarland Silencer's - amendment - supported

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:** Site meeting held regarding allotments, contractor offered to re-level land erect fence, topsoil allotments, however without planning permission the soil can only be moved into adjoining land. Allotment holder spokesperson has asked if the Parish Council ensure the rubbish accumulated is taken away and upgrade fencing if developer does not carry this work out, and to create some kind of access and a manure store. However with the land owned by Northumberland Estates, Parish Council would have to negotiate with Estates office. Cllr Gilson thought allotment holders should pay themselves for a proposed store; however Parish Council has to be prepared to remove rubbish and erect fence and should not have allowed the land to end up in an unacceptable state. It was agreed the Seats & Trees Sub-Committee be responsible for inspecting the land on a regular basis and arrange for a rubbish skip. On a general note there is funding available for less able persons to alter private gardens for allotment use.

61/10.04 Bridge Street Proposal

Nothing to report.

61/10.05 Notice of Planning Permission Withdrawal

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

62/10 Rothbury Plan

62/10.01 Parking

Nothing to report

62/10.02 Footpaths

Cllr Murray wanted to know what this heading covered. If it is for routes, it should be classed as 'access routes' for legal reasons - to be clarified.

62/10.03 Enhance Public Areas

Cllr Morton receiving complaints about dog mess, which have been reported to Dog Warden Northumberland County Council, with possible names. Same problem existing in gated fields on footpath to Hillside.

62/10.04 Additional Street Lighting

Nothing to report.

62/10.05 Speed Cameras

Nothing to report.

62/10.06 Recycling

Nothing to report.

62/10.07 Cyclepath

Nothing to report.

62/10.08 Youth Project

Nothing to report.

62/10.09 Information Signage/Historical Display

New Leader project information received on funding.

63/10 Financial Matters

63/10.01 Accounts for payment

- UCCT - £100 - March bus hire and £100 April bus hire
- Request for Donation - Carers Northumberland - not enough information in hand to make a decision, to ask for clarification.
- AON Insurance - annual policy - £993.67
- M Evens - March/April gardening - £300
- G Stephenson - March/April gardening - £300

63/10.02 Other Financial Matters

- Authorise Audit of Accounts year ended 31/3/1 O. Annual Governance Statement read out, points 1 to 8 agreed as Yes, Point 9 not applicable.

64/10 Seats/Trees

Cllr Gilson has researched action to alleviate rooks- can crown trees to below nesting height, or egg lifting involving coating with olive oil preventing egg from developing. Complaints had been received from persons unable to use seats due to rook mess, however gardeners do clean seats regularly. Northumberland County Council Pest Control Officer can be contacted.

65/10 Paths/Verges:

Nothing to report

66/10 Unitary Councillor Report

- Meeting with WRVS - to apply for funding to improve services for elderly people.
- Damaged concrete post in front of Parish Hall.
- Cllr Bridgett to ask for review of Rothbury as area grown recently - could be eligible for greater number of parish councillor's.

- Local Transport Plan - all bids measured against funding/criteria, have secured funding for traffic light crossing within centre of Rothbury, should Parish Council wish to go ahead - site suggestions required. Existing crossing at Townfoot requires attention.

67/10 Correspondence

- 67/10.01 M Hodgson - Armstrong Cross illumination - commenting discreet lighting would enhance area
- 67/10.02 Community Action Northumberland - Spring Meeting 13/5/10 - agreed not much notice given
- 67/10.03 Northumberland Association of Local Councils - Special General Meeting 18/5/10
- 67/10.04 National Parks - Local Development Framework.
- 67/10.05 Jubilee Institute - AGM 26/5/10 - Cllr Edes to attend.
- 67/10.06 Coquetdale Round Table - Street Fair notice - requesting permission to use village greens
- 67/10.07 Mr & Mrs Gibson, Shellrigg House - objecting to Bank Holiday Street Fairs encroaching on their property and Music Festival disturbances. Area at side of Railway Hotel is under discussion for Music Festival camping provision by Railway owners, area will be policed/pre-bookings.
- 67/10.08 Northumberland County Council- 2010 Surface Dressing - areas indicated for information.

68/10 Urgent Business

- Ted Liddle - an Independent Access Advisor had been commissioned to provide an access management plan for Wagtail and West Raw Farm to cover disused railway track, if Parish Council so wish requesting a letter of support to make route from industrial estate an access route for non motorised persons. Vote taken - 7 for, 1 against - vote carried. Ted Liddle also commented legal definition of 'Cyclepath,' on minutes should be 'Bridleway.' Cllr Reynolds recommended continuing calling it Cyclepath as part of Ten Year Plan was to create Cyclepath to Thropton - matter to be clarified.
- The perpetual stream of water near Donkin's Lamp had been reported to Northumbrian Water.
- Cllr Murray had completed form for winter treatment of paths to Northumberland County Council (NCC).
- Grass cutting - Cllr Murray would like Parish Council to make representation to NCC to take over grass cutting at Beggar's Rigg - agreed and to comment Parish Council not consulted on works recently carried out in connection with Cyclepath upgrade. NCC to replace trees that have been taken out at Beggar's Rigg.
- Donated grass cutter - Parish Council to use to carry out other areas Cllr Murray will continue attending to.

69/10 Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Rothbury Parish Council will be held on 9th June 2010 in the Jubilee Hall Rothbury commencing 7.15pm

SCROLL DOWN FOR AGENDA OF JUNE MEETING

ROTHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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**AGENDA for meeting to be held on Wednesday 9th June 2010
in the Jubilee Hall. Rothbury commencing 715pm**

Apologies for absence

- 70/10** **Declarations of Interest**
- 71/10** **Public Questions:** To receive any questions notified by members of the public
- 72/10** **Minutes of the meeting held 12th May 2010:** To consider any amendments necessary to the minutes.
- 73/10** **Matters Arising**
- 73/10.01 Crime & Disorder Forum: to receive update on any issues
- 73/10.02 Rural Transport/Shopper's Group: to receive update on any issues
- 73/10.03 Play Areas: to discuss future Parish Council responsibilities for play areas
- 73/10.04 Northumberland County Council Local Transport Plan: to discuss West End Chicane rejected project and any other LTP issues.
- 73/10.05 NHS Governor matters: to receive update on any issues
- 73/10.06 Residential Home: to receive update on project progress
- 73/10.07 Flooding/Dealing with emergencies: to receive update on any issues
- 73/10.08 Community Lights Committee: to receive update on any issues
- 73/10.09 Turks Head Area Gully: to receive update on action by Northumberland County Council
- 73/10.10 Churchyard Wall: to consider the progress of the wall repair
- 73/10.11 Quality Parish Council: to discuss newsletter creation
- 73/10.12 Parish Cluster Forums: to report on Parish Cluster Forums
- 73/10.13 Lord Armstrong Bi-centenary: to receive update on proposed celebrations
- 73/10.14 War Memorial: to receive update on recent railing accidental damage
- 73/10.15 Road Bridge repairs: to receive update on Northumberland County Council project progress
- 73/10.16 Future clock expenditure: to discuss future clock repairs that may be required
- 73/10.17 Allotments: to report on tidying up of allotment land & possible purchase of land for additional allotments
- 73/10.18 Joint Burial Committee Chairman: to discuss replacement for Cllr Sandford October 2010
- 73/10.19 Post Repairs: to discuss white post repairs - Parish Hall & Haugh
- 73/10.20 Donkin's Lamp area water: to receive update on excess water problem
- 74/10** **Planning:** to receive notification of any issue, and to consider the Council position
- 74/10.01 Planning Applications have been received for the following:
A/2010/0155: Mr S Cann, Star House - removal of sloping roof
- 74/10.02 Notice of Approval of Planning Permission have been received for the following:
- 74/10.03 Addycombe Development: to receive notification of any issue
- 74/10.04 Bridge Street Proposal: to receive notification of any issue
- 74/10.05 Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission
- 75/10** **Rothbury Plan:** to update on progress for the following projects
- 75/10.01 Parking
- 75/10.02 Footpaths: should this be renamed access routes?

- 75/10.03 Enhance Public Areas - to report on white post opposite Police Station
- 75/10.04 Additional Street Lighting
- 75/10.05 Speed Cameras
- 75/10.06 Recycling
- 75/10.07 Cyclepath: should this be renamed bridleway?
- 75/10.08 Youth Project
- 75/10.09 Information Signage/Historical Display
- 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
- 76/10.02 Other Financial Matters
- 77/10 Seats/Trees:** to report any seat/tree issues
- 78/10 Paths/Verges:** to report on any path/verge issues
- 79/10 Unitary Councillor Report:**
Coun. Bridgett to update Parish Council on relevant Northumberland County Council matters
- 80/10 Correspondence**
- 80/10.01 Northumberland County Council- acknowledgement regarding Beggar's Rigg works
- 80/10.02 McInerney Homes - Whitton View development
- 80/10.03 Northumberland County Council- Review of Local Council Charter
- 80/10.04 Environment Agency - Stepping Stones (2 e-mails)
- 80/10.05 Northumberland County Council - North brief
- 80/10.06 Land Registry Durham Office - Land registration
- 80/10.07 Shared Intelligence - Library Service business plan
- 81/10 Urgent Business**
- 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 715pm