

**ROTHBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**AGENDA for meeting to be held on Wednesday 8th December 2010  
in the Jubilee Hall. Rothburv commencing 715pm**

**Apologies for absence**

- 154/10**            **Declarations of Interest**
- 155/10**            **Meeting with Northumberland County Council/Police regarding bridge works**
- 156/10**            **Public Questions:** A. Izzard, War Memorial Flag
- 157/10**            **Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2010:** To consider any amendments necessary to the minutes
- 158/10**            **Matters Arising**
- 158/10.01        Chairman's Announcements
- 158/10.02        Urgent Business
- 158/10.03        NHS Governor matters: to receive update on any issues
- 158/10.04        Lord Armstrong Bi-centenary: to receive update on electricity meters
- 158/10.05        Church Clock update: to discuss future clock repairs that may be required
- 158/10.06        Dog Bins: to discuss progress on requested bins
- 158/10.07        Northumberland County Council Parking Strategy: to discuss commenting on document
- 158/10.08        Moor House Crossroads: to receive update
- 159/10**            **Planning:** to receive notification of any issue, and to consider the Council position
- 159/10.01**        **Planning Applications have been received for the following:**
- A/2010/0462: Mrs S Gregory, Portland House - change of use to flats, Albert House, Front Street, Rothbury
- 159/10.02**        **Notice of Approval of Planning have been received for the following:**
- 160/10**            **Financial Matters**
- 160/10.01        Accounts for payment
- C Miller - quarterly salary & expenses - £861.77
  - Donation Requests:
- 161/10**            **Seats/Trees:** to report any seat/tree issues
- 162/10**            **Paths/Verges:** to report on any path/verge issues
- 163/10**            **Unitary Councillor Report:**
- Coun. Bridgett to update Parish Council on relevant Northumberland County Council matters
- 164/10**            **Correspondence**
- 164/10.01        Northumberland County Council - Tourism Signs, Rothbury Golf Club
- 164/10.02        Northumberland County Council - Review of Speed Limit, Brewery Lane
- 164/10.03        Northumberland County Council - Parish Precept 2011-12
- 164/10.04        Northumberland County Council - Play Areas
- 164/10.05        Northumberland County Council - Contaminated Land Strategy Consultation - available web-site
- 165/10**            **Any additional agenda items for inclusion please contact Clerk or Chairman**
- 166/10**            **Items to be discussed in private (exclusion of public)**
- 166/10.01        Whitton View Development
- 167/10**            **Date of Next Meeting**

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FOR MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

**Apologies for absence:-** Cllr J Morton, Cllr M Gilson, NCC Cllr S Bridgett

**PRESENT Cllr P Dawson (Chair)**

Cllr H Edes Cllr J Reynolds  
Cllr C Dawson Cllr R Murray  
Cllr T Sandford  
Cllr A Fendley

**In attendance**

Sergeant G Vickers, Laurie Ward

**140/10 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.

**141/10 Public Questions**

No public questions.

**142/10 Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2010:** It was proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Sandford and IT WAS AGREED that the minutes be adopted with the following amendments: Gardeners budget amended from £5500 to £5050.

**143/10 Matters Arising**

**143/10.01 Chairman's Announcements**

No announcements.

**143/10.02 Urgent Business**

Police present to discuss Police Priority Setting Forum. Laurie Ward firstly reported on "scrap metal," thefts from Edmondson's Yard and Flotterton, arrests made; A697 road - drain covers being removed. Damage at Thrum Mill - three youngsters have admitted to this. Signs placed at bus stops regarding inconsiderate parking. ASBO extension applied for the ongoing anti-social behaviour problem, and discussions with Homes for Northumberland. Rural Crime Forum to be held 17/11/10 County Hall. Police willing to review Priority Setting Forum, acknowledge they need to be advertised with more notification, next 9/12/10 630pm, questions can also be made on-line. Cllr Dawson said it did seem to have lost its way, meetings arranged and then cancelled at short notice, breakdown of communication and attendance has dropped to a small number of Parish Council's, Police want to attract Parish Councillor's, but also expand to other community groups. Lack of speeding controls from police queried, compared to other places, however matter of allocating resources, other areas may have greater speeding priorities. Parish Council do appreciate work of the police, however frustrating same priorities discussed at each meeting. Police clarified it is a Police Forum to enable the community to raise issues and set policing priorities they wish police to focus on. Police thanked for their attendance.

**143/10.03 NHS Governor matters**

Cllr Dawson & Sandford to attend meeting 15/11/10. Governmental changes underway with many services run by Care Trust/PSP's to be reorganised - Northumbria Health Care Trust have been asked to negotiate themselves to take on tasks from these organisations - to be agreed by April 2011.

**143/10.04 Lord Armstrong Bi-centenary**

Parish Council thanked for their support to the group. Celebrations arranged: Floral bed, display in All Saints Church, and Jubilee Hall, competition launched with schoolchildren, Armstrong leaflet ready. Storyboards available after 26/11/10. Intended to illuminate Armstrong Cross, however problems encountered as stanchions need meters installed which require funding, and would the Parish Council underwrite the purchase of three meters and associated running costs - could be £387 per meter, but maybe cheaper if all seven meters installed, then annual standing charges and electricity and insurance costs. Parish Council would need assurances as to who is responsible for future maintenance/standing charges. Suggest one meter be purchased for Armstrong Cross lighting, although thought too late to arrange for 26/11/10. Agreed £500 could be donated for works to one meter, but only if work guaranteed for 26/11/10, Cllr C Dawson to see if work can be carried out in time. Business Club have offered to provide community bus transport for ticket holders to Cragside event.

#### **143/10.05 Church Clock update**

Two engineers visited site 27/10/10 and hope to have resolved problem, have suggested if fault reoccurs, a new control is fitted initially free of charge to see if this solves problem, and if so will then be chargeable. Clock did change to winter hours a week early, however new part fitted free of charge to resolve this, bell hammers set up as should be, have recommended PCC carry out work to bells within next two year. W. Potts to continue to be used.

#### **143/10.06 Dog Bins**

Nothing to report.

#### **143/10.07 Northumberland County Council Parking Strategy**

Point of concern being parking on High Street chevron area earmarked for parking meters, apparently this information on plans at County Hall but web-site copy has no mention of parking meters in this area. Agreed to contact County Hall for hard copy of strategy- also rumour charges for Beggar Rigg, however cannot respond to hearsay.

#### **144/10 Planning**

##### **144.10.01 Planning Applications have been received for the following:**

- A/2010/0426: Mr A Stripp, 2 High field - extension - River Croft High Street - inappropriate use of cladding materials
- A/2010/0432: Mr C Cockerline McInerney Homes - retaining wall/landscaping - stone baskets should be reinstated at angle on plans
- 10/00232/CCD/AH: Rothbury County First School - rain gauge/solar panel - evaluating flooding problems welcomed.
- A/2010/0457: Mrs S Gibson, Moor Cottage Hillside - porch to front of property

##### **144/10.02 Notice of Approval of Planning have been received for the following:**

- A/2010/0353: Mr B Hesler, Dundela, Back crofts - garage door change
- A/2010/0397: J Cairns, 4 Cragside Court - Side extension

#### **145/10 Financial Matters**

##### **145/10.01 Accounts for payment**

- T W Alderson - £14.95
- UCCT - £100 - October Bus Hire £59 received in fares. UCCT AGM 15/11/10.
- J Ayre - £190 - October Gardening
- M Evens - £190 - October Gardening

##### **145/10.02 Donation Requests**

- Vitalise - £50 proposed, seconded
- Action for Children - national children's home - none given
- Rede Tyne & Coquet Sports Centre - none given

#### **146/10 Seats/Trees**

Letter of thanks to be sent to cubs for bulb planting. E-mail received regarding Deuchet Court holiday home overhanging tree branch - PCC responsible for this.

#### **147/10 Paths/Verges .**

Car parking in front of seat outside First School still causing problems for seat users. Assured police have looked into this matter, however problem reoccurring. Cllr Dawson to personally contact police again. Post outside Chinese Restaurant has been fixed.

#### **148/10 Joint Burial Committee**

Cllr C Dawson has replaced Cllr Sandford as Chairman.

#### **149/10 Unitary Councillor Report**

Cllr Bridgett not present.

**150/10 Correspondence**

150/10.01 Northumberland County Council - Planning Enforcement Appeal, Blaeberry Hill - for information

150/10.02 Northumberland County Council - Whitton View Development - site visit carried out, confirmation absolutely in line with plans regarding location to existing housing, despite this Cllr Sandford wished to comment it is one of the worst bits of planning he has ever seen, and existing residents have been sadly let down by the planning system, the end house in particular - No 34 - light has been taken, proximity to fence unbelievable, and other housing have persons looking directly into their bedrooms.

150/10.03 Northumberland Association Local Councils - Minutes AGM 14/11/09/ Annual Report 2009 - 2010

150/10.04 Community Action Northumberland - Minutes AGM 4/11/09 - available for circulation

150/10.05 Rock Report - Northern Rock Foundation newsletter - for information

150/10.06 Northumberland County Council - Temporary Road Closure - U4081 Croft Road/Beechcroft - for information

150/10.07 Alnwick Town Council - Mayor's Charity Carol Service - Chairman invite.

150/10.08 Northumberland County Council - Composting - leaflets

150/10.09 Northumberland County Council - Reorganisation youth services

**151/10 Any additional agenda items for inclusion please contact Clerk or Chairman**

**152/10 Items to be discussed in private (exclusion of public)**

**153/10 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Rothbury Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 8th December 2010 in the Jubilee Hall commencing 7.15pm