

**ROTHBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Apologies for absence**

**140/10**        **Declarations of Interest**

**141/10**        **Public Questions:** To receive any questions notified by members of the public

**142/10**        **Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2010:** To consider any amendments necessary to the minutes.

**143/10**        **Matters Arising**

143/10.01     Chairman's Announcements

143/10.02     Urgent Business

143/10.03     NHS Governor matters: to receive update on any issues

143/10.04     Lord Armstrong Bi-centenary: to receive update on proposed celebrations

143/10.05     Church Clock update: to discuss future clock repairs that may be required

143/10.06     Dog Bins: to discuss progress on requested bins

143/10.07     Northumberland County Council Parking Strategy: to discuss commenting on document

**144/10**        **Planning:** to receive notification of any issue, and to consider the Council position

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
- A/2010/0432: Mr C Cockerline McInerney Homes - retaining wall/landscaping
- 10/00232/CCD/AH: Rothbury County First School - rain gauge/solar panel

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

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

145/10.01     Accounts for payment

- T W Alderson - £14.95

145/10.02     Donation Requests: Vitalise

**146/10**        **Seats/Trees:** to report any seat/tree issues

**147/10**        **Paths/Verges:** to report on any path/verge issues

**148/10**        **Joint Burial Committee:** Chairman Appointment

**149/10**        **Unitary Councillor Report:**

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

**150/10**        **Correspondence**

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

150/10.02     Northumberland County Council - Whitton View Development

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

150/10.05     Rock Report - Northern Rock Foundation newsletter

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

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

- 152/10**      **Items to be discussed in private** (exclusion of public)  
152/10.01    Whitton View Development  
**153/10**      **Date of Next Meeting**

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**Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 13th October 2010 in the Jubilee Hall, Rothbury commencing 715pm**

Apologies for absence Cllr A Fendley, Cllr R Murray

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>Cllr P Dawson (Chair)</b>	<b>In attendance</b>
	Cllr J Morton	Cllr H Edes
	Cllr J Reynolds	Cllr C Dawson
	Cllr M Gilson	Cllr T Sandford
		Cllr Bridgett (Northumberland County Council)

**126/10 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.

**127/10 Public Questions:** No public questions.

**128/10 Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2010:** It was proposed by Cllr ..... and seconded by Cllr ..... and IT WAS AGREED that the minutes be adopted with the following amendments: Page 1 - add Chairman of 'Northumberland Health' Care Trust. Page 2 - delete bed at Armstrong Cross, change to outer bed at Stephenson Terrace.

**129/10 Matters Arising**

**129/10.01 Chairman's Announcements**

**129/10.02 Urgent Business**

Sub-committee to look at Planning Applications received after agenda circulated.

**129/10.03 NHS Governor matters**

Chairman of Northumberland Health Care Trust has voiced concern over Cllr Sanford's observations. A meeting is to be held 15/11/10 at Northumberland Hall Alnwick, with trust members, GP's, local councillor's and participation groups. Amongst items discussed will be GP's recently announced changes, and clinicians will also be present to answer questions.

**129/10.04 Quality Parish Council**

Cllr Edes thanked for her efforts in trying to solve problem with distributing newsletter. E-mail received from Bridges Editor stipulating criteria for articles to be accepted, and it would be extremely difficult to write an article they would accept, as it has to reflect the entire parish of Upper Coquetdale and cover items of wide interest. Cllr Dawson had replied to the e-mail with surprise at the stipulations, and is not able or willing to write a report for inclusion under the stipulations. Agreed to not pursue Quality Parish status at present, but Clerk to complete training.

**129/10.05 Lord Armstrong Bi-centenary**

On track for Armstrong trail, storyboards printed, cross lighting, events at Cragside to involve village. No Cragside representation had been present at recent meeting, although invited. However, village is not to be used as a car-park, and the only road closure will be in front of the lake whilst firework display going on.

**129/10.06 Church Clock update**

Cllr Dawson to write to Potts Director's.

**129/10.07 Dog Bins**

Bill Pringle had forwarded sites for bins, both sites favourable. Cllr Gilson prepared to speak to landowners for permission to erect bins.

**130/10 Planning**

**130.10.01 Approval of Planning Application has been received for the following:**

- A/2010/0280: Mr A Stewart, Hindhaugh Cottage - stable block
- A/2010/0308: Mr P Morgan, Town Square Management, Wright's Square - treeworks
- A/2010/0297: Mr B Staff, Stonelea, Hillside - decked area

**130/10.02: Planning Applications have been received for the following:**

- A/2010/0397: J Cairns, 4 Cragside Court, side extension
- A/2010/0406: Mr A Chesney, Bristol- dormer window, Gimmerknow
- A/2010/0411: Lloyds Bank - poster display

**131/10 Financial Matters**

131/10.01 Accounts for payment

- UCCT - September bus hire - £80.00 - £73 received in fares
- M Evens - September gardening - £354.50
- J Ayre - September gardening - £316.35
- Bulbs - G Gilson - £48.21
- Blue Lamp Appeal- PC David Rathband has set up charity - £75 & £200 proposed, £200 carried

**132/10 Seats/Trees**

Bulbs to be planted by Scouts next Tuesday night 5.45pm, councillors welcome to assist. Gardeners to not work two weeks in October, as they wish to maintain Armstrong Bed and carry out memorial cleaning in November instead. Bed on outer area of Stephenson Terrace has been cleared, and Tom Mason had supplied soil for levelling, clerk to send letter of thanks. Armstrong Cross bed has been turned into a herb bed. Cllr Edes requested running account of gardeners invoices. Cllr Dawson suggested gardening budget for next financial year be £5500, broken down into closed churchyard, bed works and seat repairs. Policy of replacement seats to be recyclable material, however areas such as Armstrong Cross would require traditional seating. If donor not agreeable to recyclable, they will have to agree to the maintenance costs of wooden structures. If a seat is beyond economical repair it should be removed and not replaced until a donated seat becomes available. It would be worthwhile suggesting when seats are offered, an alternative could be to plant a tree. A tree survey on the village greens will need to be carried out within the next 12 months.

**133/10 Paths/Verges**

Nothing to report.

**134/10 Joint Burial Committee**

New Chairman appointment- Cllr C Dawson interested in this position to be discussed further at Joint Burial Committee meeting 28/10/10, Cllr Morton to join as additional JBC committee member.

**135/10 Unitary Councillor Report**

- Bridge works - advocated one way system up Haw Hill and into Bridge Street which was agreed with NCC/Police however Cllr Bridgett asking PC to not support this inadequate system - Cllr Dawson commented the PC have not been consulted/asked to attend meetings to discuss road issues, and suggested NCC & Police be invited to a meeting and ask where PC are in this partnership - clerk to contact NCC.
- Jacob's Ladder has been re seeded, and new railing is in place.
- Resurfacing works to be carried out at Carterside and old police station bank, Croft Road, Silverton Terrace & Cinder's Bank areas.
- Cyclepath - surface suggestions placed at Beggar's Rigg - brighter option preferred.
- Levelling work has commenced at Addycombe allotments.
- Rooks discussed with Environmental Officer NCC, however no longer their responsibility, can only direct to relevant legislation, and action lies with the PC. Two options - use of a predatory bird, or speaking to police regarding use of air rifle for culling. Any action by PC has to be permanent, however public health danger has not been proved. General view previously was people did not mind the rooks. Cllr Gilson reported only taking away the environment will solve the problem, ie, crowning, and is willing to survey the house dwellers in the centre of the town for their views on the rooks. Proposed no action until tree survey carried out, agreed.

**136/10 Correspondence**

136/10.01 Northumberland County Council - Bridge Strengthening - are the PCC in favour of lighting the bridge? Yes, Cllr Dawson to provide NCC with details from Heritage Scheme of 10 years ago.

136/10.02 Northumberland County Council - Parking Strategy - available on-line - consultation until 17/12/10, and hard copy in library

- 136/10.03 NHS North of Tyne - Public Consultation until 26/11/10 - hard copy to look at.
- 136/10.04 BDO - Audit issues - suggesting seats be included in fixed assets
- 136/10.05 CPRE - newsletter - available for circulation
- 136/10.06 David Brown, Police & Community Priority Setting Forum - unhappy at comments made in Gazette from last PC meeting, note comments but good reasons why this was discussed at September PC meeting, for instance last meeting completely out of context and certainly only led by police, to reply to Mr Brown and state points made can be discussed further at next forum.
- 136/10.07 Northumberland County Council - North Brief
- 136/10.08 Northumberland County Council - Planning Enforcement Appeal, Blaeberry Hill
- 136/10.09 Nicola Crane, UCCT - support for bus
- 136/10.10 Northumberland County Council - Standards Committee 18/10/10

**137/10 Additional Agenda Items**

- 137/10.01 Moor House Crossroads: Cllr Sandford conscious this area has infamous reputation for accidents, has spoken to Alan Bawn, Traffic Management NCC who would like to improve the area but funds not available but can place it on a priority list. Cllr Sandford to ask for further information on accidents under Freedom of Information from police, however NCC will be in possession of this already.
- 137/10.02 Blue Lamp Appeal: discussed earlier

**138/10 Items discussed in private**

**139/10 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Rothbury Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 10th November 2010 in the Jubilee Hall commencing 7.15pm.