

ROTHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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**AGENDA for meeting to be held on Wednesday 13th October 2010
in the Jubilee Hall. Rothbury commencing 715pm**

Apologies for absence

126/10 **Declarations of Interest**

127/10 **Public Questions:** To receive any questions notified by members of the public

128/10 **Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2010:** To consider any amendments necessary to the minutes

129/10 **Matters Arising**

129/10.01 Chairman's Announcements

129/10.02 Urgent Business

129/10.03 NHS Governor matters: to receive update on any issues

129/10.04 Quality Parish Council: feedback from Bridges magazine newsletter

129/10.05 Lord Armstrong Bi-centenary: to receive update on proposed celebrations

129/10.06 Church Clock update: to discuss future clock repairs that may be required

129/10.07 Dog Bins

130/10 **Planning:** to receive notification of any issue, and to consider the Council position

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

131/10 **Financial Matters**

131/10.01 Accounts for payment

- UCCT - September bus hire - £80.00
- Gardening - September

131/10.02 Donation Requests

132/10 **Seats/Trees:** to report any seat/tree issues

133/10 **Paths/Verges:** to report on any path/verge issues

134/10 **Joint Burial Committee:** Chairman appointment

135/10 **Unitary Councillor Report:**

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

136/10 **Correspondence**

136/10.01 Northumberland County Council - Bridge Strengthening

136/10.02 Northumberland County Council - Parking Strategy

136/10.03 NHS North of Tyne - Public Consultation

136/10.04 BDO - Audit issues

136/10.05 CPRE - newsletter

136/10.06 David Brown, Police & Community Priority Setting Forum

137/10 **Any additional agenda items for inclusion please contact Clerk or Chairman**

137/10.01 Moor House Crossroads

137.10.02 Blue Lamp Appeal

138/10 **Items to be discussed in private (exclusion of public)**

138/10.01 Whitton View Development

139/10 **Date of Next Meeting**

SCROLL DOWN FOR MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Approved minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 15th September 2010 in the Jubilee Hall, Rothbury commencing 715pm

Apologies for absence Cllr J Morton, Cllr R Murray

PRESENT Cllr P Dawson (Chair)

Cllr A Fendley Cllr H Edes
Cllr J Reynalds Cllr C Dawson
Cllr M Gilson Cllr T Sandford

In attendance

Cllr Bridgett (Northumberland County Council)
Sergeant T Weldon (part of meeting)

111/10 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.

112/10 Public Questions: No public questions.

113/10 Minutes of the meeting held on 18 August 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: page 2 - change 'bringing up bulbs' to 'bringing up plants'.

114/10 Matters Arising

114/10.01 Chairman's Announcements

Whitton View Development to be discussed in private.

114/10.02 Urgent Business

114/10.03 Crime & Disorder Forum

Last meeting very well attended, parking, anti -social behaviour discussed, 23/11/10 provisional date of next meeting. Seems to have lost its way slightly, was originally community led, agreed Cllr Fendley would speak to Sue Peart.

114/10.04 Play Areas

Cllr Gilson actioning Addycombe gate repairs, but problems with fencing and drain cover which is outside PC boundary.

114/10.05 Northumberland County Council Local Transport Plan

To be taken off agenda.

114/10.06 NHS Governor matters

Meeting with Northumberland Health Care Trust in April, discussed greater use of hospital - respite care, GP's surgery permanently moving there, and extra consultancy operated from hospital. Minor progress, but no progress on surgery moving, and bed occupancy is down, Cllr Sandford to contact Chairman Care Trust.

114/10.07 Beggar Rigg planting suggestions

Natural hedgerow roses could be planted.

114/10.08 Quality Parish Council

Newsletter to be created for October Bridges issue. Cllr Dawson to organise.

114/10.09 Lord Armstrong Bi-centenary

Meeting to be held 16/9/10, National Trust representatives to attend, 26/11/10 procession will proceed from Cragside to village, however concerns over park and ride system being in Rothbury and not Cragside, organisers will have to submit full report to County Hall regarding road closures - concerns to be discussed at tomorrow's meeting.

114/10.10 Church Clock update

Meeting held with PCC and Bell Captain. It was proposed the Parish Council contact W Potts and ask to arrange an early visit of appropriate engineer and software specialists to fix the chiming control system, and request the mechanism that works the bell hammers also be inspected. Agreed Cllr Dawson to liaise with Potts.

114/10.11 Allotments

Could additional land be rented for extra allotments - Cllr Edes aware of some waste land that could be used? However, NCC have looked at this area previously and received a number of objections from local residents.

114/10.12 Dog Bins

Industrial Estate areas requested for bin - however all of this on private land. Bin at top of Garleigh Bank would be supported. Also request up to Ladies Bridge, however with no vehicular access not possible. New lid required on bin at Haugh.

Police Sergeant Trevor Weldon attended meeting part way through - reported crime & disorder extremely low, various watch schemes very successful. A number of quad bike thefts had taken place east of the area and were detected by a farmer's vigilance through the farm watch scheme. Community messaging proving extremely useful, able to update and reassure the public. Summer plan running, concentrating mainly on speeding, motorcycles and illegal camping. Dog Fouling part of police discussions. Trevor thanked for his presence.

115/10 Planning

115/10.01 Notice of Granted Listed Building Consent

A/2010/0275: Ms L Calvert, Steward House, Congregational Hall, High Street - alterations to foot access

115/10.02 Notice of Refusal of Listed Building Consent

A/2010/0279: Lloyds Bank - window display

A/2010/0278: Lloyds Bank - poster display

116/10 Financial Matters

116/10.01 Accounts for payment

- C Miller - quarterly salary & expenses - £896.59
- Rothbury & Coquetdale History Society, Lord Armstrong Bi-Centenary - £1K
- UCCT - August Bus Hire - £85.00 - £67.00 received in fares
- Julie Ayre - gardening August - £275
- Mike Evens - gardening August - £280
- Royal British Legion - Armistice Wreath - £20.00

116/10.02 Donation Requests: No requests received.

117/10 Seats/Trees

Village inspection carried out by Cllr Edes, Fendley & Gilson, general consensus being one constant of Rothbury was its look, and if gardening expenses are cut it would lose its charm, and the PC should look more seriously at other budget areas that could be cut. However the beds at Stephenson Terrace could be taken out, along with one bed at Armstrong Cross - this agreed in principal and to finalise budget figure for gardening 2010/11 at next months meeting. A local resident had requested to rent the Closed Churchyard land for his sheep, however this occurred previously at the Cemetery and numerous complaints had been received about using consecrated ground for sheep grazing.

118/10 Paths/Verges

Fencing outside Chinese Restaurant still requiring repair. NCC's responsibility.

119/10 Cycle path

To be taken off agenda.

120/10 Unitary Councillor Report:

- Cycle path surface - durability tests carried out, does not meet criteria, NCC had agreed to try three different surface types and would show these on Beggar's Rigg ramp this weekend - councillors should look at these and pick preferred choice.
- Bridge works ahead of schedule, supports going into place for Bailey Bridge.

- Jacob's Ladder - small hole appearing on side of a step, new topsoil to be placed, seeded, and railing to be replaced.
- Mart Field development - complaints received about unacceptable state of site - is in process of being handed over to new developer.
- Police houses - Cllr Bridgett had commented resurfacing and access should be retained.
- Rook mess - problems -encountered - population of birds seems to have exploded - Cllr Bridgett wishes to speak to Pest Control Officer at NCC and would like PC's support on this, agreed.
- Executive Member Highway & Regional Flood Defence Committee - regional levy - suggestions requested for any further priorities to be addressed from this levy.
- Gully Sucking and shrubbery cutting requests from Cllr Murray - Cllr Bridgett to action. . Cllr Fendley mentioned Environment Agency and Cheviot Housing placing flood barriers - could lead to back flow problems to properties - to be discussed in private.

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Correspondence

- 121/10.01 Natural England - proposed new guidance - problems opening document - Cllr Gilson to look at
121/10.02 Campaign to Protect Rural England - Trees & Hedgerows Debate - for information
121/10.03 Bob Smith - Fly tipping - new appointment Environmental Crime Officer - for information
121/10.04 Northumberland County Council - Town Council Meetings - Cllr Dawson proposed items for agenda - county wide parking charges, and devolved services.
121/10.05 No Need for Nuclear - House of Commons Early Day Motion No 557 - for information
121/10.06 Taste Cragside - 25/9/10 - poster to be displayed in notice board
121/10.07 NALC - electing to NALC County Committee - for information
121/10.08 NCC - Installation of 0.8m antenna Rothbury Fire Station - approval
121/10.09 Communities & Local Government - referendum to Council Tax increases - acknowledgement to response
121/10.10 NHS North of Tyne - Public consultation on assessment of pharmacy needs - to comment by 5/11/10

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Any additional agenda items for inclusion

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Items to be .discussed in private

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Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Rothbury Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 13th October 2010 in the Jubilee Hall commencing 715pm