

# THIRSTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Parish Council Meeting held at Felton Village Hall on Thursday 13 September 2018.

**Present:** Cllrs S Allan, D Green, H Lindley and J Secker.  
The Parish Clerk in attendance – Mrs L Hamlin

## ACTION

- 50 Apologies for absence** – Cllrs E Davidson and J Marshall. County Councillor Sanderson
- 52 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda** – None
- 53 Public Questions (max 5 mins per person)** - None
- 54 The minutes of the meeting 2 August 2018** were signed as a true record.
- 55 Matters Arising therefrom:**
- a) Notice Board – update – NCC is looking into cutting down the posts, Clerk has offered to meet on site to discuss but no response to date. Clerk
  - b) Bin request for Wintrick Road – Clerk has asked NCC if they have any issue of the bin being moved in relation to collection. Awaiting a response. Clerk
  - c) Data Protection (GDPR) – See requested agenda items.
  - d) Felton Bridge Meeting – parking issues – The Clerk has asked Felton PC for a meeting date but no response as yet. Clerk
  - e) Warning Signage for the nursery – Richard McKenzie of NCC has confirmed that the nursery cannot have a warning sign as these are only allowed for schools but he was going to take a look when next in the area to see if there is something that can be done. Clerk
  - f) Parish Council meeting venue in 2019 – Cllr Lindley and the Clerk visited the nursery and it would be viable to hold meetings there. It was agreed to hold the meetings at the nursery and Clerk to write to owner and if agreeable then cancel the Village Hall bookings. Clerk
  - g) Street furniture complaint update – still waiting for responses from NCC in relation to the noticeboard. In relation to the green grit bin the PC would have to purchase this and NCC still to respond on location. Prices vary from £170 - £250. Clerk to check if NCC advise a specific type and size. Clerk
  - h) Speed strip request for West Thirston – These have been requested and NCC have put it on the request list and it will be installed asap as there is a bit of a backlog. Clerk
  - i) Bus stop sign replacement – Clerk has requested this – awaiting installation,
  - j) Meeting with Came and Company – Clerk is arranging this for the New Year as the insurance is not due until June.
- 56 Report by County Councillor**  
Currently in budget discussions – we need to find a further £30m cuts over the next 3 years. I'm keen that we protect frontline services on my area which have improved over the past year – we have cut all road verges in time – by the end of July – compared to the end of October two years ago.  
Weed spraying was taken in house this year and we have had far more compliments than previously.  
Getting on with a new way of patching where we cut out a section of heavily potholed road and replace with much stronger longer lasting material. Using Colas and our own teams.  
Country Parks programme going well – new play areas for Druridge Bay and Plessey Woods.
- 57 Report back from Meetings and Representations on behalf of TPC**  
Cllr Marshall attended the August Village Hall meeting.
- 58 Potential Projects**
- a) Footpaths/Rights of Way – Awaiting a response from NCC on the review of the bridge on FP4. Clerk to request an update.
  - b) Landscaping – there has been little or no weeding done. Clerk to contact contractor. Clerk
  - c) Neighbourhood Plan – the Clerk has contacted the Working Group and NCC to arrange a meeting to see what the next steps are. Awaiting a response from Rob Naples (NCC) as to the way forward

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- 59 Planning:**  
**To report on any planning decisions:**  
18/01952/FUL - Land South of Bywell Farm - Steel Portal framed building – GRANTED  
18/01707/VARYCO - Eshott Airfield - Vary Conditions 1-8 including – GRANTED. Clerk to contact Public Protection to ascertain how to take forward the monitoring of the airfield and need to ensure any complaints are reported to the right person so NCC has a log of them. Clerk
- Planning applications pending:**  
17/02923/VARYCO - Burgham Park Golf Club - Vary Cond 13 - remove holiday restriction – objections submitted – to be decided by the Local Area Council  
18/01510/VARYCO - Felmoor Park, East of A1 - Vary 2 and 9 relocate pitches to avoid tree removal – No Objections  
18/02714/LBC – Felton New Bridge - removal, refurbishment and reinstatement of the parapets – no objections  
18/02877/FELTPO - The Limes, Eshott Village - 4 x trees for removal, 3 x trees for pruning and deadwooding and remaining for thinning out – waiting documents on this as Clerk asked for trees to be identified as they currently are not on the plans. Clerk  
18/02788/FUL – Denholm, West Thirston – demolish conservatory and replace with sunroom – this was reviewed at the meeting and there were no objections. Clerk
- Planning Issues**
- Canine Centre acoustic barrier update – Clerk is continuing to liaise with NCC to ensure the barrier is installed within the deadline. Clerk
  - Update on trees behind Northumberland Arms – the Planning Officer has confirmed that the condition on the recent application was an error. He has also confirmed that he will be reviewing to ensure that the re-planting takes place. Clerk
  - New Beer Garden – Northumberland Arms – despite numerous emails to the Enforcement Officer no update has been received on this. Clerk to contact the Head of Enforcement to seek an answer. Clerk
- 60 Services**
- Cutting back of hedge around 30mph sign on entrance to village – still some work to be done. Clerk to arrange. Clerk
  - Repairs to drain close to Glenshotton – still outstanding, Clerk to chase NCC. Clerk
  - Pot Holes – Road through West Thirston - all done, Glenshotton – outstanding but recently remarked with red paint, Bockenfield – three sections of full resurfacing has been undertaken, Eshottheugh – one large hole near the entrance to be reported, A1 to Eshott – holes along the length of the road. Clerk to report issues to NCC again. Clerk
  - Water from Wall at The Peth – this is now in the hands of NWL. Clerk trying to find a contact to speak to. Red markings have been installed on the footpath beside the problem area stating “not mains”. Clerk
  - Clearing of steps at The Peth – this has been done along with cutting back of ivy.
- 61 Requested Agenda Items:**  
**Data Protection Review** – documents circulated for discussion, as not all Councillors were at the meeting for the discussion - defer to November meeting. Clerk  
**Speeding measures** at East Thirston and Eshott  
It was agreed to request via the LTP for a 40mph from East Thirston to entrance to West Thirston, this will cover the houses in East Thirston and also the bend in the road to West Thirston. Also to request 40mph for Eshott between Eshott Home Farm and the bridge over the Eshott burn. Justification is that there are no pavements in the village and 3 road junctions with 6 drives where residents have to back out in to the road on the road through the village. Clerk
- 62 Correspondence**
- Email requesting speed restrictions in East Thirston – covered above.
  - Pensions re-enrolment notification – For information, Clerk to complete in November. Clerk
  - Various responses re Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

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- Hospice Care Donation Request – to add to donation request list for budget. Clerk
- NCC reminder of Town and Parish Council Meeting – Cllr Lindley to attend. Clerk to complete paperwork. Clerk
- NCC request for speech from Planning Committee Meeting – this was just a summary of the PC objections.

**Emails Forwarded:**

NALC Newsletter emails

**To Circulate:** CAN News, Clerks and Councils Direct. The Clerk asked if the Councillors would like to continue receiving a hard copy of CAN news as well as the email version. It was agreed Email version is sufficient. Clerk

**63 Finance**

(a) **Financial Summary** was reviewed with no issues and the current balance stands at £14,818.25

(b) **Payments** - The following list was put before members and was approved:

Payments this meeting:		
000745	Felton Village Hall – already paid	£32.00
000746	L Hamlin – salary and expenses	£329.74
000747	NCC – Noticeboard Installation	£240.00

(c) **Receipts** – NCC Precept £4,000.00

(d) **Issues with TSB Banking** – Letter to TSB Bank was prepared for signature to close the account down. Clerk to ensure signed cheques are cleared before the account is closed and funds transferred to Lloyds – this can take up to 10 working days. Clerk

**64 Urgent Items**

- Clerk to forward ring fenced document to Cllr Allan. Clerk
- Cllr Lindley reported that John Edwards will no longer be able to undertake the annual audit. Clerk to source an alternative. Clerk

**65 Items for next agenda**

Draft Budget for discussion  
Data Protection Documents

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm  
Date of Next meeting: Thursday 1 November 2018