

THIRSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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To the Members of Thirston Parish Council:

25 April 2022

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summonsed to attend the Annual Parish Council meeting of Thirston Parish Council via Zoom on THURSDAY 5 MAY 2022, after the Annual Parish Meeting, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Hamlin

**For meeting reference and passcode contact Parish Clerk 01670 783 495 or 07931 586528
Please email any public questions to be raised 24 hours before the meeting to the Clerk**

AGENDA – DURING COVID 19 EMERGENCY

1. **Election of Chairman** (Declaration of acceptance of office to be signed)
2. **Election of Vice Chairman** (Declaration of acceptance of office to be signed)
3. **Election and nominations of Members to Committees and Groups**
 - a) Cemetery Committee Meeting – Currently Cllr Davidson with Cllr Jackson as Reserve
 - b) Recreation Field Group Meeting – Currently Cllr Marshall with Cllr Davidson as Reserve
 - c) Finance Group – Currently Cllrs Allan, Green and Marshall
 - d) Complaints Committee – to be confirmed when required depending on the nature of the complaint
4. **Apologies for absence**
5. **Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda**
6. **Public Questions (max 5 mins per person)**
7. **To approve and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2022**
8. **Matters arising there from**
 - a) Ditch on the Burgham Park Road blocked
 - b) Street light request for East Thirston
 - c) Replacement bus stop sign
 - d) Noticeboard at Eshott
 - e) Tree Officer re checking of trees within the parish
 - f) Blocked drain and manhole cover at Wintrick
 - g) Queens Jubilee Arrangements
 - h) Light on the steps down from the Peth not working
 - i) Give way sign onto the A1 from West Thirston has been knocked down
 - j) Defibrillator needs registering with new “the Circuit” database
 - k) Kerb stone on the left hand bend into West Thirston off the A1 need resiting
 - l) Road from A1 to Longhorsley has raised iron works and the edges of asphalt badly broken away both of which can cause damage to cars
 - m) Felton PC response to letter re change in support for Recreation Field
 - n) Response from CAA to email sent by PC
 - o) NCC Local Plan inclusion of safeguarding map
 - p) A1 dualling – concerns re footpaths
 - q) Litterpick
 - r) Scam Awareness session from Age UK
 - s) Pathway improvements at riverside
 - t) Boundary Commission changes - concerns raised with NCC
 - u) Meeting between Felton and Thirston PCs
9. **Report by County Councillor**
10. **Report back from Meetings and Representations on behalf of TPC**

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11. Potential Projects

- a) Footpaths/Rights of Way
- b) Landscaping
- c) Short term / Medium term / Long term projects

12. Planning

To report on any planning decisions:

20/02026/COU – Cottages at Burgham Park Golf Club – Change of use from holiday cottages to residential dwellings – REFUSED

21/02941/FUL - Dukes Cottage, West Thirston – Side extension and front porch – GRANTED

21/03090/FUL - Northumberland Country Zoo - Extend cafe to add a large indoor soft play facility to create an all year round attraction – GRANTED

21/04084/FUL – Land W of Foxhemels – 2 storey residential dwelling – REFUSED

Planning applications pending:

20/04177/FUL - Land North East of Felmoor Caravan Park - Extension to existing holiday comprising 139 no. pitches for holiday lodges plus ancillary features including water feature, play area and vintage vehicle museum – objections based on Neighbourhood Plan

21/04280/FUL - Paintballing Site Eshott Heugh - Hybrid planning application consisting of a detailed application for 30no holiday lodges, storage barn, parking and access and an outline application with access and all other matters reserved for the associated leisure building (Use Class E)

22/00368/FUL - 2 Eshott Heugh Farm Retrospective permission for a biomass boiler at the Zoo

22/00708/FUL – 7 Thirston Court West Moor Farm – Construction of garage and garden shed

22/00875/LBC – Bockenfield Manor - LBC request to use alternative material of block paving or concrete for edging of driveway. Timber edged board with retaining peg on driveway was suggested but quickly deteriorated

22/01312/FELTPO – Tanglewood, Eshott Village – numerous tree works

Planning Issues:

Bockenfield Caravan Park – blue lights illuminating entrance

Eshott Airfield – viewing area and cafe

13. Requested Agenda Items:

Bottle bank update

Green Lane access by vehicles

14. Correspondence:

a. NCC – Northumberland Local Plan 2016 to 2036 was adopted by full council on 31 March 2022

b. NCC – launch of freepay payment scheme

c. NCC - Planning Validation Checklist Re-consultation April 2022 – already circulated

d. NCC – new sporting opportunities in Northumberland

e. Northumbria Police - Northumbria Connected – new link for police updates

f. Email re defibrillator having been deployed but not actually used

g. Costain Community Relations – exploring options on how best to liaise with community re A1

h. Emails re helicopters at Airfield – Wildcat, Coastguard and Chinook

i. Email Green Lane Association re 4x4s using green lanes

j. Email Healthwatch Northumberland – survey as to how pharmacies are performing

k. Email from Citizens Advice on new directory of service/referral platform which is launching soon called Northumberland Frontline

l. Email re: Dementia Awareness - musical tea to register interest in hosting an event

m. Email from British Red Cross with details of training courses that can be held

n. Email Plant Life International – cowslip survey

o. Email Great Northumberland Forest Team – Application process open for ordering trees to plant in the parish

15. Finance a) Financial Summary b) Accounts to be paid c) Income d) Internal Audit

16. Urgent Items

17. Items for Next Agenda