

TOGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Togston Club on Friday 5 January 2024 at 6:00pm.

Present: Cllrs L Blewitt, A Cairns, S Jeffrey (Chairman), and A Lisle.

68/23 Apologies for Absence – Cllrs F Moore

69/23 Public Participation

- a. A resident commented that it was good to see a newsletter, but that the notice about there not being a right of way through the allotments is incorrect. The Parish Council agreed and stated that the incorrect information was supposed to have been taken out of the newsletter before publication but had been left in.
- b. A resident raised the issue of fly tipping of household rubbish bags in the car park. This has also been raised by another resident with the Clerk. Cllr Jeffrey will ask the fly tippers to remove the rubbish.
- c. There is a bad pothole on Togston Road which is dangerous. This can be reported via NCC's Fix My Street webpage.
- d. A resident has volunteered to help fix the fence at Allotment 17 which has blown down.

70/23 Disclosure of Interests – None

71/23 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 3 November 2023 were approved as a true record.

72/23 Report from Northumbria Police

No incidents have taken place which should be of wider community concern. The Parish Council noted that cars are parking behind the Club and driving up East Row out of sight; this will be raised with police.

73/23 Report from County Cllr Terry Clark – None received.

74/23 Finance

- a. The financial report to 30 December 2023 was received by the Parish Council.
- b. **RESOLVED** to authorise the following payments:

Payee	Head of Expenditure	Cost	VAT	Total	Ref.
Anglian Water	Allotments Water	£138.11		£138.11	23/24.23
Hobberlaw Plants	Christmas Lights	£210.00		£210.00	23/24.25
Seed Garden Maintenance	Allotments Maintenance	£120.00		£120.00	23/24.26
NCC	Grass Cutting	£1,042.86	£208.57	£1,251.43	23/24.27
C Lewis/HMRC	Salary (Sept-Dec)	£634.08		£634.08	23/24.28 23/24.29
Rotary Club of Amble and Warkworth	Donation	£50.00		£50.00	23/24.30

- c. The following receipts were noted:

Date	Source	Reason	Amount
Various	Individuals	Allotment and Garage Rents	£30.80
10/11/23	TSB Bank	Interest	£0.73
28/11/23	Fundraising	Christmas Fair	£912.90
10/12/23	TSB Bank	Interest	£0.93

TOGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

- d. **RESOLVED** to approve the Budget for the Year Ending 31 March 2025, increasing the amount allocated for Street Furniture to £1,500 and decreasing the amount added to General Reserves to £1,250, and otherwise as presented.
- e. **RESOLVED** to set the Precept at £6,556.00.

75/23 Car Parking in the Square – East View, Chapel Row, Queen Street

The Parish Council discussed the car parking issues in the Square and surrounding area. The Parish Council will seek to have a meeting with NCC Highways to look at options.

76/23 Dropped Kerb, Queen Street

Letters were sent to all residents in the vicinity of the dropped kerb, asking that they park considerately and are mindful of the law around obstructing blocked kerbs. No further complaints have been received.

77/23 Salt Bins

RESOLVED to purchase three new filled salt bins from NCC at a cost of £250 each including two free refills in the first year, to be located at Togston Terrace, North End Close and behind the Club.

78/23 Allotments

- a. Plot 27 fencing – Volunteers are needed to help with installing the fencing.
- b. Pallets for compost area – Cllr Thomson will assist with moving the pallets to the compost area.
- c. Sign for Waste Area – deferred until area is ready.
- d. Fruit trees and bulbs for the cleared area – deferred until area is ready.
- e. Common pathways – these have been strimmed by a resident or allotment holder.
- f. Dog Waste – still an issue.

Items for the Next Agenda

- Bridleway

79/23 Date of Next Meeting

Friday 1 March 2024 at 6:00pm, Togston Club

The Chairman closed the Meeting.