

TOGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Togston Club on Friday 1st November 2024 at 6:30pm.

Present: Cllrs L Blewitt, A Cairns (Deputy Chairman), A Lisle, F Moore and C Thomson.

41/24 Apologies for Absence – S Jeffrey has made the decision to step down as Chairman and from the Parish Council.

42/24 Public Participation

- a. Resident has noticed rats on the allotments. The clerk will contact the NCC environmental department to look into options for lockboxes and bait.
- b. Resident commented on missing bollard between Queen Street & Chapel Row, which is on the agenda to be discussed later in the meeting.
- c. Resident noted that there has been an individual parking dangerously on the corner of Chapel Row and Queen Street, blocking the road. Councillors will have a discussion with the individual.

43/24 Disclosure of Interests – None

44/24 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 6th September 2024 were approved as a true record.

45/24 Report from Northumbria Police

No incidents have taken place which should be of wider community concern.

46/24 Report from County Cllr Terry Clark – None.

47/24 Finance

a. The financial report to 25 October 2024 was received by the Parish Council.

b. **RESOLVED** to authorise the following payments:

Payee	Head of Expenditure	Cost	VAT	Total
HMRC	PAYE	£200.57		£200.57
Hobberlaw Plants	Christmas Tree	£215		£215

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48/24 Missing Bollard between Queen Street & Chapel Row

The space is being used as a parking space, blocking footpath access. This will be reported to Northumberland County Council Highways via Fix My Street to have the bollard replaced.

49/24 Flower Bed Damage

Stones have become loose on the flower bed, Persimmons will be contacted regarding this as it is believed the damage occurred during their construction.

50/24 Agree Precept

Postponed to next meeting.

51/24 Website Content

Website is up to date with vacancies, events & forms. Allotment updates will be added soon

52/24 Allotment Updates

A new tenant is to take over 2 of the vacant allotments.

53/24 Dates for Future Meetings

Friday 10th January, Friday 7th March, Friday 2nd May. Further dates are on the website.

54/24 Christmass Tree & Fair

Santa has been arranged, the electrician has been booked for the lights and the tree has been ordered, to be delivered the 12th or 13th November and erected on the 16th November. The fair will run from 4:45pm until 8pm on Sunday 24th November at the Togston Club.

55/24 Parish Clerk Recruitment Update

We will have a local clerk covering responsibilities until a new permanent clerk is found. The recruitment is actively ongoing.

56/24 Items for the Next Agenda – Agree precept, online banking, allotments rents, outstanding payment, room hire and any other business.

57/24 Date of Next Meeting

Friday 10th January 2025 at 6:30pm, Togston Club

The Deputy Chairman closed the Meeting.