

THIRSTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Parish Council Meeting held at Pumpkin Pie Nursey, URC Hall, West Thirston on Thursday 19 September 2019.

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

50 Apologies for absence – Cllr T Jackson and County Councillor Sanderson

51 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda – Cllr Green – Matters Arising (b) Light in Eshott Village

Cllrs sign a dispensation in relation to airfield application to enable the Parish Council to submit a response to the application on flying hours.

52 Public Questions (max 5 mins per person) – None

53 The minutes of the meeting 15 August 2019 were signed as a true record.

54 Matters Arising therefrom:

- a) **Bus stop sign replacement of** – still not installed and NCC has stated they are chasing this up. Clerk
- b) **Street light in Eshott Village** – NCC has stated they are going to arrange for the column in Eshott to be lowered by 1 meter as well as the shade. The shade will be fitted in the next two weeks and the height reduction will be done after. Cllr Green reported the work that has been undertaken has made the situation worse. Clerk to pursue. Clerk
- c) **Street lights around the rockery-** Baffles have been fitted and the residents are happy.
- d) **Bottle Bank Area – bramble removal and flytipping sign relocation** – No response from NCC despite being chased. The question was raised if the bottle bank it just for residents or whether this can be used for commercial business. The Clerk confirmed it was residential use only. It was reported that the bins are being used by commercial businesses and the Clerk to request NCC write to the businesses concerned to remind them that they cannot use these bins for their bottles. Clerk
- e) **Road to Longhorsley to Burgham complaint** – still awaiting a response from NCC. Clerk
- f) **Wintrick Junction – white lines request** – Clerk has meeting with NCC arranged to discuss. Clerk
- g) **Grass Verges into West Thirston – cutting of** – NCC has now confirmed that they will not cut the grass outside the 30mph zones but will cut from Thirston New Houses to the seat at the field of hope. They have no objections to the PC paying a contractor to do this work. It was agreed to get quotes for cutting of grass from Thirston New Houses to the bus stop for consideration to be included in the budget. Clerk
- h) **The Bridge Newsletter – online and interactive request** – Nothing further to report, awaiting comments from their latest meeting. Clerk
- i) **Contacting NALC re review of timing/number of speakers allowed at Planning Committee** – raised with NALC who thought the proposal was interesting and will raise at Council Committee Meeting and also at meeting arranged at end of the month with Mr Murfin.
- j) **Potholes along Wintrick Road** – these have been raised with NCC for repair. Clerk

55 Report by County Councillor Sanderson

- He would like to see the grass cutting issue sorted out and recommended asking NCC to quote for the works.
- The bridge works are coming along nicely.
- Residents seem happy with the proposed traffic calming measures through West Thirston.
- Councillors raised their concerns about arson attacks that have happened in the parish and neighbouring parishes. CC Sanderson said to speak to PC Teasdale and invite her to attend PC meetings. Clerk

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56 Report back from Meetings and Representations on behalf of TPC

Cemetery Meeting was cancelled due to lack of attendees

Recreation Field has not met since the last Thirston PC Meeting.

57 Potential Projects

a) Footpaths/Rights of Way – No issues.

b) Landscaping – Issues with a dead shrub in the rockery. Clerk to ask contractor to remove it. Clerk

c) Neighbourhood Plan Update – A meeting was held to discuss the response to the Planning Inspectorate Appeal. A letter has been sent in objection to this application, as the Neighbourhood Plan has not been formalized by NCC when the original plans had come in the NPWG were able to submit a full objection letter. A consultation event has been arranged for Monday 14 October for residents to review the draft plan. Clerk to contact Consultant to see if she is available to attend this event. Clerk to circulate draft plan to Councillors. Clerk
Clerk

58 Planning:

a. To report on any planning decisions:

19/02000/FUL – Rosslea, West Thirston – Remodel existing roof to raise rear eaves lines, 2 dormers to front including resizing of existing. Reduce porch footprint and remodel. Formation of mom pitch roof to existing garage conversion flat roof. - APPROVED

b. 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

18/03534/FUL - Bywell Shooting Range - retro - retention of ground butt

18/03562/FUL - Bywell Shooting Range - Form mound, widen paths, erect 16 shelters

18/03736/FUL - Felmoor Park, East of A1 - 24 lodges, 10 caravans, miniature golf – Site visit undertaken – no objections

19/00300/PREAPP – Burgham Park Golf Club – Erection of 56 dwellings and improvements to course and club house – objections submitted and request for inclusion in pre-app discussions.

19/03471/VARYCO – West Moor Farm – change of use of land from agricultural to residential – no objections. Clerk

19/03659/VARYCO – Eshott Airfield – make temporary hours of 7am to 11pm permanent. A leaflet has been distributed around West Thirston in relation to this application which has nothing to do with the Parish Council. Councillors to draw up a response and then forward to the Clerk to submit on the planning portal. Cllrs

19/01907/FUL – West Moor House – re-development and change of use of existing redundant barn and workshop to 2 residential holiday lets – Clerk to draft a response and circulate to Councillors.

19/02787/FUL – 9 Bridge End – Conversion of garage to form habitable room. Remove garage door and replace with stone wall and sash windows. Small summerhouse in rear garden – no objections Clerk

Concerns were raised about a building that is currently being developed at West Moor and Councillors have no recollection of a planning application being submitted. Clerk to pursue. Clerk

APP/P2935/W/18/3217291 – Northumberland Estates application for housing – Planning Inspectorate Appeal. This is to take place on Tuesday 8 October. The PC has submitted a further letter of objection based on new information and the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has submitted a full objection as this is their first response to this application.

c. Planning Issues

New Beer Garden – Northumberland Arms – NCC has confirmed that they have been in correspondence with the establishment for a retrospective planning application to be submitted.

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59 Services

- Repairs to drain close to Glenshotton – Clerk to pursue with NCC. Clerk
- 30mph flashing sign obscured – no works taken place, Clerk to contact house owners again. Clerk
- Drain at the top of the road from Burgham Park to Longhorsley blocked Clerk has reported to NCC as this has caused water to wash down the road into Burgham Park. Clerk

60 Requested Agenda Items:

Meeting dates for 2020 – 23 January, 12 March, 30 April, 11 June, 23 July, 10 September, 29 October, 17 December

NCC LTP request – the following items to be submitted to NCC for the LTP list.

Appropriate traffic calming measures in Eshott as a dog has been killed, a man knocked off his bike and a collision between two cars.

Repair of the pathway from the garage northwards

New footpath from the seat to the A1

Clerk

61 Correspondence:

- NCC – Northumberland Local Plan Examination information – for information
- NCC – Traffic Calming Proposals in West Thirston – Councillors happy with the proposals.
- NCC – Traffic Calming Agreement for maintenance – Clerk has signed this for the flashing signs.
- NCC – Precept Payment Confirmation – for information
- NCC – Joint PC and NCC meetings confirmation – Cllr Lindley to attend.
- Environment Agency – changes to water supply and septic tank legislation – Clerk has put information into The Bridge Newsletter but will also include on website and noticeboard. Clerk
- Resident raising complaint re dog fouling issue in West Thirston – Clerk to request dog warden patrol the area down Bridgend towards the river. There is a dog bin there but it is not being used by at least one dog walker. Clerk
- Letters, emails and phone calls of complaint of aircraft noise on 24/08/2019 – an aircraft ran and revved its engine from 7am until take off at 8.15am, within the permitted hours but noise levels unacceptable for such a long period.
- Friends of the Earth – take climate action in your community – Clerk to put information in notice board. Clerk
- Joint Cemetery Committee Terms of Reference – confirmation that Newton on the Moor and Swarland PC has at last accepted these terms so this is now finalised. Clerk to put on website. Clerk

Emails Forwarded: NALC Newsletters

To Circulate: Clerks and Councils Direct

62 Finance

(a) **Financial Summary** was reviewed with no issues and the current balance stands at £18,578.56.

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

Payments this meeting:		
IB70	L Hamlin Salary, Expenses & NP Plan	379.67
IB71	Felton Village Hall – NP Consultation	28.00

(c) **Receipts** – NCC Precept £4,250.00

63 Urgent Items - none

64 Items for next agenda

Draft Budget for 2020/21

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Date of Next meeting: Thursday 31 October 2019