

THIRSTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Parish Council Meeting held at Northumberland Crematorium, Bockenfield on Thursday 3 November 2022.

Present: Cllrs S Allan, E Davison, D Green and J Marshall
The Parish Clerk in attendance – Mrs L Hamlin
One member of the public in attendance

- 62 Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Clarehugh. Cllr Jackson has resigned from the Parish Council due to none attendance of meetings and the Clerk will advertise the post and send necessary paperwork to NCC. Clerk
- 63 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda** – Cllr Allan Item 10 – Planning Application 22/01244/FUL.
- 64 Confirmation and Retrospective Adoption of decisions made via zoom meetings** – as advised by NALC the Councillors agreed that every decision, made whilst Parish Council meetings were held virtually, were to be agreed and adopted retrospectively and this was duly done.
- 65 Public Questions (max 5 mins per person)** – None
- 66 The minutes of the meeting 22 September 2022** were agreed and signed as a true record. Cllr Allan to meet with Clerk to sign all zoom meeting minutes. Cllr Allan
- 67 Matters Arising therefrom:**
- 1) Matters arising there from (excluding long term outstanding actions in relation to NCC)**
- a) Noticeboard at Eshott – a noticeboard was agreed on and the Clerk to order and get delivered to Cllr Green’s house. Clerk
 - b) Biodiversity and Climate Change Committee representation – contact details have been sent to this Committee but no invitation forthcoming as yet. It was agreed to leave this in the hands of the Committee to make contact with TPC.
 - c) Potholes on road to Blackbrook Farm – these have now been repaired
 - d) Paving slabs on steps down from The Peth (08/2022) – still outstanding Clerk to pursue with NCC and CC Sanderson. Clerk
 - e) Village tidy up – hedge cutting along pathways – still outstanding Clerk to pursue with NCC. Clerk
 - f) Path in West Thirston – repairs (08/2022) – still outstanding Clerk to pursue with NCC & CC Sanderson. Clerk
 - g) Path in West Thirston – Cyclists (08/2021) – still outstanding Clerk to pursue with NCC & CC Sanderson. Clerk
 - h) Joint PC meetings – dates where proposed that TPC could not attend. It was left with the other PCs to arrange a meeting to discuss none TPC issues and arrange a meeting re the cemetery in the New Year.
 - i) Dog Bin West Thirston – Clerk to ascertain if this is still an issue with the resident. Clerk
 - j) Felton CAN invitation – they are confirmed that a representative will be at the February meeting.
 - k) New Laptop – this has been purchased.
- 2) Long-term Outstanding issues being addressed by NCC for information**
- l) Ditch on the Burgham Park Road blocked (reported 11/19, NCC started works done but reported again 04/22 due to road flooding) - still outstanding Clerk to pursue with NCC. Clerk
 - m) Street light request for East Thirston (01/2021)– it was agreed that the PC would not help fund this but possibility of CC Sanderson being able to make a contribution from members scheme. Clerk
 - n) Blocked drain and collapsed manhole cover at Wintrick (12/2021) – still outstanding Clerk to pursue with NCC. Clerk
 - o) Kerb stone on the left hand bend into West Thirston off the A1 need resiting (01/2022)– the Clerk met with Highways England and made Highways England aware of the situation and that they need to liaise with NCC for the kerb stones to be replaced at the same time as the entrance/exit to A1 is being resurfaced which will be Spring 2023. Clerk has informed NCC of this date and discussion.
 - p) 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 (01/2022) – still outstanding Clerk to pursue with NCC. Clerk
 - q) Pathway improvements at riverside (03/2022) – still outstanding Clerk to pursue with NCC. Clerk

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68 **Report by County Councillor Sanderson - None**

69 **Report back from Meetings and Representations on behalf of TPC –**

Warm Hub Meeting – the Clerk attended the first meeting, the next meeting has been arranged for Monday 7 November at 4.30pm. Action was taken to speak to those groups in the area who have already got hubs up and running to see what is required in terms of insurance, health and safety, bank account etc. Also how to encourage people to come along as potential stigma involved in it being charity and have to get over this potential issue.

Rob Murfin – Cllr Allan spoke to Mr Murfin and things are still being worked on in relation to the Airfield.

70 **Potential Projects**

a) Footpaths/Rights of Way - None

b) Landscaping – Jubilee Tree and Memorial Tree – Jubilee tree is being planted on Thursday 10 November at 10.30 am by WI. Plaque for memorial tree has been ordered and awaiting delivery.

c) Short term / Medium term / Long term projects –

1. Village gateways – it was agreed to look at the 2 gateways for West Thirston – Clerk to check with NCC about locations. Also for 2 planters for Eshott Village and Cllr Allan to measure the area to see if the planters will fit. Once location and sizing established Clerk to progress the orders. Clerk
2. Bus shelters – There is the possibility of the WI and Pumpkin Pie being involved in bus shelter projects and it was felt the first one to look at is the one at the top of the Peth. Cllr Marshall to progress this with the WI and bring a proposal to the next meeting. Cllr Marshall
3. Picnic table – It was agreed to purchase a heavy duty recycled plastic picnic table to replace the one on the riverside walk that is in a bad state of repair. Clerk to approach Felton and Thirston Fair for a donation towards this. Clerk

71 **To report on any planning decisions:**

22/01244/FUL - Land East Of Wintrick Farm - Proposal Erection of a single new dwelling including garage, hardstanding and landscaping (Self Build) - REFUSED

22/02343/FUL – 7 Thirston Court, West Moor – Resubmission of construction of garage and shed WITHDRAWN

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)

22/02998/PRUTPO - Lonsdale House, Eshott - TPO Works

22/03759/FUL - South High Moor Farm - Proposed demolition and rebuild of existing dwelling and conversion of existing agricultural barn to dwellinghouse

Planning Issues:

Bockenfield Caravan Park – blue lights illuminating entrance – Clerk contacted Enforcement but not update give. Clerk

Eshott Airfield – viewing area and café and planning condition breaches – Clerk contacted Enforcement but not update give on café area. Breaches are in hand. Clerk

Felmoor Park – Tree removal and building works without planning – Clerk contacted Enforcement but not update give. Clerk

APP/P2935/W/22/3303503 - Burgham Park – Appeal submitted to Planning Inspectorate – no further information as to when this will be reviewed as yet.

Crematorium application – a condition has not been discharged on this application due to the trees not being given their latin names and have not stated how often the grass will be cut therefore the plan leaves too much open for NCC to monitor and enforce. Also there is an issue with signage for Clerk

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the Crematorium on the A1 and the Councillors felt these issues should be raised with NCC as they should be supporting such a vital business in the County not hindering it.

72 Requested Agenda Items:

- 2023 Meeting Dates – Change April date. It was agreed to change 27 Apr to 4 May to comply with the rules of holding the Annual Meeting of the Council in May. So the dates for 2023 will be 2023 Meeting Dates – 2 Feb, 16 Mar, 4 May, 15 Jun, 3 Aug, 21 Sept, 2 Nov, 14 Dec
- Draft Budget – the budget was reviewed and no changes made. The auditor raised no issues. The budget will come to the December meeting for approval.

73 Correspondence:

- NCC – Precept Request – Deadline for submission 27 January 2023
- NCC – Warm Homes Group - Resources for frontline staff: Keeping people safe, warm and well this winter - Northumberland County Council has been working with Citizens Advice Bureau and Community Action to update the Warming Homes resource booklet for frontline staff. This is a digital one-stop-shop for frontline staff to signpost Northumberland residents to help and support.
- NCC - Town, Parish and Community Council Conferences dates for January – these events have proven to be useful in the past. More information coming out from NCC nearer the time.
- NCC – Climate Change Team - Collaborative climate change event – 16 November in Blyth and will cover Renewables, energy efficiency and fuel poverty, Reducing Transport Emissions, Natural resources and land management – Clerk to forward to Biodiversity Group. Clerk
- NCC - Northumberland Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Local Plan (GTTSPL) – call for identifying potential sites in Northumberland
- Powergrid meetings Meetings with and Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP re winter preparations being held in Belford and Rothbury. Clerk to put details on noticeboard and website. Clerk
- Email invitation re Felton/Thirston Warm Space – Clerk attended first meeting which has been reported in item 69.
- Email from WI re bus shelters – the WI have indicated they might be interested in being involved with the bus shelter projects as have Pumpkin Pie.
- Email from Eshott Residents Association requesting dog bin – a location has been identified, bin needs to be moved from existing location and resited at Eshott and Clerk will then inform NCC for their bin collection route. Cllr
Allan/
Clerk
- Email from resident requesting update on surgery – Clerk updated the resident.
- Email complaints during the British Air Racing Weekend – noted.
- Email from Eshott Resident re low flying and request on progress of Management Plan – Clerk responded stating no Management Plan has been submitted.
- Email re accommodation units at Eshott Airfield – Highways England are using the airfield for accommodation for those recovering vehicles breaking down when A1 works are ongoing. This is causing issues of noisy vehicles moving around the airfield during the night.
- Email – Professor Harry Bradbury – re aggregate removal - FYI
- NALC News

74 Finance

- (a) **Financial Summary** was reviewed with no issues and the current balance stands at £16,260.62 TPC funds and £4,968.60 FCJC Funds totaling £21,229.22.
- (b) **Payments** - The following list was put before members and was approved:

Payment made between meetings and agreed via email of £578.99 for laptop and McAfee annual fee.

Payments this meeting:		
IB150	Laptop and McAfee Annual Fee £504.00 for Laptop, £74.99 for McAfee	£578.99
IB151	Payment to Lisa Hamlin 30 hours at £16.10 (£483.00) Reimbursement of Plaque (£207.00) 1 x Zoom Conferencing (£14.39) 1 x Home Working Allowance (£11.09)	£715.48
IB152	Donation to British Legion	£30.00

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(c) **Income** – None

75 Urgent Items

- Road beside Bywell Shooting Ground is in a very bad state of repair and needs addressing asap
- The Clerk is lodging past minutes and account at Woodhorn Archive on 9 November
- Two mattresses have been left on the Wintrick Road – these have now been removed
- Dead deer has been reported for removal on Wintrick Road

76 Items for next agenda –

Budget for approval

77 Resolution to exclude public and press

Thirston Parish Council may resolve to pass a resolution under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude public and press due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed which concerns third party correspondence to the Council.

It was agreed that requests to the Parish Council to write to a third party on behalf of a resident/member of public would not be undertaken.

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Date of Next meeting: 15 December 2022