

THIRSTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Parish Council Meeting held at Felton Village Hall on Thursday 2 August 2018.

Present: Cllrs E Davidson, D Green, J Marshall and J Secker. County Councillor Sanderson
The Parish Clerk in attendance – Mrs L Hamlin

34 Apologies for absence – Cllr H Lindley

35 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda – None

36 Cooption of Councillor - It was agreed unanimously to co-opt Mr Simon Allan onto the Parish Council. The Clerk ensured the relevant paperwork was completed. Cllr Allan agreed for his details to be included on the website and notice boards. Clerk

37 Public Questions (max 5 mins per person) - None

38 The minutes of the meeting 14 June 2018 were signed as a true record.

39 Matters Arising therefrom:

a) Notice Board – update – It was agreed we should look at reducing the height of the noticeboard. Clerk to contact NCC contactors to ask if they can do this as the posts would have been placed lower in the ground if cabling had not been found by NCC who did state there were no cables at the site. Clerk

b) Bin request for Wintrick Road – It has been suggested to remove the bin and replace this at the layby between West and East Thirston. Clerk to check that NCC will empty the bin if located at this new site, if so contact Peter Brown to arrange relocation. Clerk

c) Data Protection (GDPR) – Clerk to circulate before the next meeting Clerk

d) Felton Bridge Meeting – parking issues – Clerk has requested dates from Felton PC but to date no response received. Clerk to chase this up. Clerk

e) Evolis Radar Speed Sign – After checking with NCC they do not provide any funding towards speed signs, this would have to come from CC Funds or PC funds. It was agreed to ask NCC for speeding checks to be undertaken at the entrance to the village for evidence that signage is required and to look at potential funding when undertaking the annual budget. Clerk

f) Signage for the nursery – The Clerk has requested signage from NCC and is awaiting a response. Clerk to pursue this with NCC. Clerk

40 Report by County Councillor

The bridge process is continuing. Money for the main part has been put back but NCC are continuing with the survey work with Historic England. Cllr Marshall stated that any works would have to factor in timings of the A1 dualling especially when the bridge is closed off to traffic.

There is a meeting on 10 August re Eshott Airfield.

NCC budget setting for next year is about to begin. £45m savings need to be found over the next three years and this will hit services across the board. It is going to be very difficult. NCC applied to the Government for extra funding after the snow to help with road repairs etc however no support was given.

The Councillors asked the Clerk to contact CC Sanderson to suggest he contact PCs to ask how they feel NCC can save money, Clerk

41 Report back from Meetings and Representations on behalf of TPC

Cllr Marshall attended the Village Hall Meeting and AGM. Progress is being made with the installation of WiFi but charging of this service needs to be addressed. A new projector to go with the screen in the Main Hall has been purchased. It was agreed to contact Pumpkin Pie to see if they would be willing to have the PC hold their meetings in the Old Church. Clerk to ask and also to book Felton Village Hall for next year in case this is not viable. Clerk to circulate proposed dates before booking with the Village Hall. Clerk

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42 Potential Projects

- a) Footpaths/Rights of Way – Awaiting a response from NCC on the review of the bridge on FP4. Clerk to request an update.
- b) Landscaping – Rockery looking good.
- c) Neighbourhood Plan – Public Consultation sessions took place in Burgham Golf Club, Felton Village Hall and at Gallery 45. In total 19 people attended. 14 responses were received to the Objectives. The majority of residents agreed with them however one resident did not agree with the three objectives they felt would be an excuse to build more houses in the parish. Other concerns raised were speeding through the village of West Thirston. The legal consultees have also been consulted and to date two responses have been received. It is not a legal requirement of them to be consulted at this point but the Working Group felt it would be beneficial to make them aware of the development of the plan.
Cllr Marshall stated the draft NCC Core Strategy identifies 22 properties to be built in Thirston Parish over the next 10 years.

43 Planning:

a. To report on any planning decisions:

17/04290/OUT - COU of land and construct 30 houses - Land East of Greystone – REFUSED
17/04477/FELTPO - Studley Cottage - Fell 2 trees & crown reduce one – GRANTED – two standard oak trees to be planted in the first available planting season
18/01133/FUL – 1 West Moor Farm Cottages – dropped kerb & hard standing – GRANTED
18/01376/VARYCO - Land West of West Moor House - vary cond 2 - change internal configurations – GRANTED
18/01952/FUL - Land South of Bywell Farm - Steel Portal framed building - GRANTED

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
18/01510/VARYCO - Felmoor Park, East of A1 - Vary 2 and 9 relocate pitches to avoid tree removal – No Objections
18/01707/VARYCO - Eshott Airfield - Vary 1-8 including operating times 7am to 11pm – objections submitted

c. Planning Issues

Canine Centre acoustic barrier update – NCC has confirmed they have put a deadline for details of installation at 8 August. If the Centre is not forthcoming with details NCC will advise the owner to cease the use of the site until the barrier is installed.

Update on trees behind Northumberland Arms – an enforcement case number has been allocated. The Enforcement Officer went to do a site visit but could not find how to access the site. He will be returning. The Clerk also informed him of the concerns that the recent approved application for this site(17/04477/FELTPO) should be monitored for compliance to the condition to plant two trees.

44 Services

- Main pathway – hedges require cutting back – This has been completed.
- Cutting back of hedge around 30mph signs on entrances to village – this has been done but one branch probably needs cutting back more at the East entrance to the Village. Clerk
- Clearing of vegetation on path by Field of Hope – path has been weed sprayed but no edging has taken place. It was agreed to see if the grass has died back enough not to be such an issue.
- Repairs to drain close to Glenshotton – still pending with NCC. Clerk to pursue. Clerk
- Pot Holes – Road through West Thirston, Glenshotton, Bockenfield, Eshottheugh, A1 to Eshott. West Thirston, Bockenfield and Eshottheugh potholes have been filled. The remaining areas have been marked out but works are not yet completed. Clerk to pursue. Clerk
- Water from Wall at The Peth – NCC has now undertaken the task of contacting NWL on this as they agree there is foul water coming out of the wall. It is believed that there is a broken drain somewhere and this needs to be located. Clerk to request an update. Clerk
- Kerbstone outside Leaside – this has been repaired.

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- Grass verges at Eshott – cutting back of – these have been cut back now.

45 Requested Agenda Items:

- Data Protection Review – Clerk to provide documentation before the next meeting. Defer.
- Speeding measures at Eshott – On speaking to NCC about the Local Transport Programme request and what can now be covered under this the Clerk stated NCC has come to a site visit about moving the signage at Eshott to make it more obvious to drivers and the PC were told this would have to go on the LTP. It was then removed from the LTP as it is not covered by this. Mr McKenzie of NCC is going to investigate how best to move the signage and get back to the PC on his return from leave.

Clerk

46 Correspondence

- NCC – Northumberland Local Plan Draft Consultation – on circulation
- NCC – Statement of Principles 2019-2022 Consultation – Clerk to forward the link.
- NCC – LTP request for 2019/20 – Clerk to try again with the speed camera to be included on this list.
- NCC – How to dispose of hazardous household waste fliers – put in notice board
- Bank House Right of Way – concern was raised by a resident that “no parking” sign had been put along the Right of Way and thought this would mean this RoW could not be used however this is not the case.
- Northumberland Arms – New beer garden – complaints have been received in relation to the building of this garden – trees have been removed, noise levels are excessive, glasses are being left out over night, one child was nearly hit by a car running across the road from the pub. The Enforcement Officer has been informed and the Clerk is waiting for feedback from his site visit. Clerk to request an update on the situation.
- Letter from residents re street furniture – a resident has concerns about the amount of street furniture congregated in one area to include grit bin, telegraph pole with for sale sign on, wooden seat, litter bin and PC noticeboard. It was agreed to look at getting a different coloured grit bin and siting down the pathway and to lower the notice board. Once answers have been given by NCC on the requests Clerk to contact the residents.
- Email request from resident for steps at The Peth to be cleared – Clerk has requested this be cleared by NCC.
- Text of concern from Bockenfield Resident re planning restrictions at Bockenfield – a resident raised concerns that the Airfield had stated they have special permission granted by NCC that means no one in Bockenfield is allowed to undertake any building works without the airfield's agreement. NCC confirmed this was not the case and this has been relayed to the resident.
- Came and Company information meeting request – Clerk has requested a meeting.
- Sisters & North Steads Wind Farm - Call for Applications & Drop-in event – applications are low for this funding. There is nothing that the Parish Council need to apply for however it was suggested that an application could go in for Recreation Field however as this is owned by Felton PC and they are not within the area for applications this was discounted. Notice to go in the PC noticeboard about the funding opportunity.
- Donation request from Age UK – no donation made but to add to the list of requests received when considering the budget for next year.

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Emails Forwarded:

NALC Newsletters

NCC – Joint NCC and Town/Parish meeting – October 2018 – this is the round table discussion session. Clerk to forward details to Cllr Allan for his information.

NCC - 5th Annual Town and Parish Council Conference will take place on Thursday 11th October

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To Circulate: CPRE Newsletter

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47 Finance

(a) **Financial Summary** was reviewed with no issues and the current balance stands at £11,303.25

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

Payments this meeting:		
000744	L Hamlin – salary and expenses	£453.00

(c) **Receipts** – None

(d) **Issues with TSB Banking** – the relevant paperwork was signed at the meeting to set up a new bank account with Lloyds Bank. Clerk to forward paperwork to Lloyds. Clerk

48 Urgent Items

Bus Stop signage has gone from outside the Northumberland Arms following the installation of a new lamppost. Clerk to request this be replaced. Clerk

49 Items for next agenda

Data Protection documentation review.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.54pm

Date of Next meeting: Thursday 13 September 2018