

THIRSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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To the Members of Thirston Parish Council:

26 July 2025

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summonsed to attend the Parish Council meeting of Thirston Parish in the Long Room, Gallery 45 on **THURSDAY 31 July** at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Hamlin

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence –**
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda**
3. **Public Questions (max 5 mins per person)**
4. **To approve and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2025**
5. **1) Matters arising there from (excluding outstanding actions in relation to NCC)**
 - a) Felton Cemetery Joint Committee – Policies and Procedures update
 - b) The Helm bus stop
 - c) Parking at Pumpkin Pie
 - d) National Rivers Authority – Japanese Knotweed
 - e) Weldon Bridge and Bockenfield Road Signs
 - f) Sat Nav investigation into stopping diversions through the villages
 - g) Information to Councillors re planning guidance
- 2) Long-term Outstanding issues being addressed by NCC for information**
6. **Report by County Councillor**
7. **Report back from Meetings and Representations on behalf of TPC**
8. **Potential Projects**
 - a) Footpaths/Rights of Way – Footpath erosion
 - b) Landscaping –
 - c) Short term / Medium term / Long term projects
 - Village gateways
 - bus shelters – ideas for noticeboard and what to include
9. **Planning**

To report on any planning decisions:

25/01400/LBC - The Forge 3 East Thirston Farm Steading - Listed Building Consent for one additional conservation style rooflight to comply with fire escape provision regulations - APPROVED

25/01075/VARYCO - Burgham Park Golf Club - Variation of Condition 19 (Boundary Treatment) on approved application 23/04075/VARYCO - in order to utilise drawing 120267/8011 Rev H as the approved Boundary Treatment Plan - APPROVED

25/00992/LBC - Old Farm House, West Thirston - Like for like replacement of roof tiles, stone coping and chimney stacks due to weather damage - WITHDRAWN

25/02118/LBC – Old Manse Cottage West Thirston LBC for replacement windows - APPROVED

Planning applications pending:

24/01531/VARYCO - Eshott Heugh Paintballing Site – variation to a number of conditions following detailed drainage report

24/02540/FUL - High Park Farm – Resubmission of plans for Change of use of agricultural building to a facility to dry paper pulp to produce animal bedding to include feeder, drum, burner, stack installation and control room. Due to go to Committee.

25/00765/LBC - Thirston New House Farm - LBC for internal works to include addition of ensuite bathroom (and associated SVP), thermal upgrades to roof and general redecoration works. Replacement of 4no. conservation rooflights.

25/01854/ADE - Pumpkin Pie – Retrospective application for signage and fencing. Clerk to circulate.

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25/01523/REM - Eshott Heugh, Paintballing Site (known as Cheviot View) - Leisure Complex – this is a reserved matters application for when you already have outline planning permission but need to submit more detailed plans for approval. Clerk to circulate.

25/01853/FUL - Pumpkin Pie Childcare Ltd – retrospective for construction of timber fencing and 1no fascia sign

25/02336/FUL - Bywell Shooting Ground – Field Shelter

25/02376/FUL - Eshott Hall Refurbishment and alterations to Grade II Listed Eshott Hall including alterations to walled garden, conversion of existing outbuilding to gym and health studio, erection of 4no. wellness cabins, erection of night sky appreciation cabin, erection of 14no. 1 bedroom timber framed guest accommodation cabins and 1no. 2 bedroom timber framed guest accommodation cabins, erection of support cabin for wild swimming, creation of a new vehicular car park and all associated infrastructure

Planning Issues:

Felmoor Park – Entrance lighting and signage

25/00928/screen – Anaerobic Digester Environmental Impact Assessment

10. **Requested Agenda Items:**

11. **Correspondence:**

NCC - Corporate Performance Report

NCC - Email from Cllr Mark Mather - Portfolio Holder for Highways – with contact details

NCC – letter of works at East Thirston commencing 28 July – 18 August

NCC - Northumberland Call for Sites 2025

NALC – email to include revised payrates for Clerks

Email from NALC welcoming new Councillors and advising signup

Email re NALC Star Council Awards

Email from NALC re .gov website and email

Email from Bywell PC Chair proposing meeting of Parish Council Chairs

Emails copied into re Financial and Procedural questions on Purchase of 51 Main Street Felton for Conversion to a surgery

Email re payment of an invoice by FCJC

Emails – copied in in relation to Audit questions in relation to Felton PC

Emails x 3 re High Park Farm planning application

Email re withdrawal of Pumpkin Pie signage application

Email request for information from Northumbria Police

Email from Northumbrian Water re sewerage treatment works completion

Email from resident re defibrillator

Email requesting verge cutting

Message re tree blocking footpath on riverside

Email re New Network Rail Tree Planting Fund opportunity

Email asking how to apply to join the Parish Council

Emails x 2 in relation to Airfield Café and their further developments

Email re 2 planes breaching flying times on 31 May 2025

Emails x 2 planes breaching flying times on 18 July 2025

Email – copied in on request for update on Eshott Airfield - 25/00446/BRCOND

Email – request for update on situation with regard to airfield complaints and breaches

Donation request from Citizens Advice Bureau

Air Ambulance pledge request email for £500

NALC newsletters

Groundwork newsletter

12. **Finance** a) Financial Summary b) Accounts to be paid c) Income d) Internal Auditor report on year end accounts e) Approval of Annual Governance Statement f) Approval of Accounting Statements

13. **Urgent Items**

14. **Items for Next Agenda**

Meeting Dates for 2025: 25 Sept, 6 Nov, 18 Dec