

THIRSTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Parish Council Meeting held at Northumberland Crematorium, Bockenfield on Thursday 21 September 2023.

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

- 46 Apologies for Absence – None**
- 47 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda – Cllr Allan in Item 54 – Planning Applications Pending 23/02325/FUL.**
- 48 Public Questions (max 5 mins per person) - None**
- 49 The minutes of the meeting 8 August 2023 were agreed as a true record.**
- 50 Matters Arising therefrom:**
- 1) Matters arising there from (excluding outstanding actions in relation to NCC)**
- a) Light issue in East Thirston – the light on the road up to East Thirston has been adjusted so it does not now shine into drivers eyes.
 - b) Lighting on The Peth – this is still outstanding and NCC are aware of this via the FixIt System Clerk
 - c) Missing Weldon Bridge signage – still outstanding – Clerk to chase up Clerk
 - d) Mile marker repairs – this has been kindly painted by Mr Hodgkinson did this work for free.
 - e) Meeting at the Zoo – still outstanding it was agreed not to pursue this meeting.
 - f) Land beside powergrid building – Clerk still to ascertain who owns this land. Clerk
 - g) Road from Wintrick to East Thirston – The pot holes have been filled.
 - h) Repairs to New Bridge surface – this work has been undertaken
- 2) Long-term Outstanding issues being addressed by NCC for information**
- a) Manhole cover at Wintrick (12/2021) – outstanding Clerk to pursue with NCC Clerk
 - b) 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) – outstanding Clerk to pursue with NCC Clerk
 - c) Pathway improvements at riverside (03/2022) – outstanding Clerk to pursue with NCC Clerk
 - d) Road at Bywell Shooting Ground in need of repair (11/2022) – outstanding Clerk to pursue with NCC Clerk
- 51 Report by County Councillor Sanderson - None**
- 52 Report back from Meetings and Representations on behalf of TPC - None**
- 53 Potential Projects**
- a) Footpaths/Rights of Way – need to trim where picnic table has been installed. Cllr Davison offered to do this.
 - b) Landscaping – Hedges around speeding signs have been cut back. Cllr Allan is in discussions with Felton CAN to provide about ¼ of a acre of land for a community garden. Once he has spoken to CAN he will report back to the PC to see if it is an option to lease the land to the PC for CAN to work on it.
 - c) Short term / Medium term / Long term projects – Village gateways, bus shelters – ongoing. Clerk Clerk to speak to NCC about gateways into West Thirston.
- 54 Planning**
- To report on any planning decisions:**
- 23/02217/FUL** - Burgham Park Golf Club Burgham Park - Relocation of existing greenkeeper's shed - APPROVED
- 23/02325/FUL** - Land East Of Wintrick Farm - Erection of a single new self build holiday let including hardstanding and landscaping - REFUSED
- 23/02478/FELTPO** - Benson House Bainbridge Lane – Tree Works - PERMITTED
- 23/02477/FELTPO** - Covert Lodge The Pipistrelles Eshott – Tree Works - PERMITTED
- 23/02111/FUL** - Land At The Shaws Farm Felton - Erection of an agricultural steel portal framed shed for storage of straw bales - APPROVED
- 23/02657/VARYCO** - Location Land West Of The Forge East Thirston - Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on approved application 15/01288/FUL in order to make minor amendments to the design of the dwelling - APPROVED

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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

22/04112/FUL - Northumberland Arms Construction of first floor rear extension to provide 1no. additional en-suite bedroom and store room, and ground floor rear extension to provide covered goods reception area

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23/00547/REM - Land East Of Greycroft West Thirston - Reserved Matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for 9mo. residential dwellings on refused application 19/05017/OUT (appeal reference APP/P2935/W/20/3254874)

23/00601/S106A - Land East Of Greycroft West Thirston - Modification of S106 agreement dated 07-10-2020 on approved application 19/05017/OUT in order to change tenure of the 2 Affordable Homes from Rented Units to Discount Market Value Houses

23/01921/FUL - Bockenfield Aerodrome Ltd Eshott Airfield - To allow amended operating hours to 07:00-23:00, training and fuelling of military and emergency services aircraft, provision of temporary structures and retrospective café – email confirmation received for deadline for comments to be moved to 11 August

23/02758/FUL – Thirston Cottage - Construct single storey extension to detached outbuilding for storage

23/03166/VARYCO - The Old Manse West Thirston - Variation of condition 3 on approved application 20/01373/LBC to allow revised dimensions for new external walls surrounding encaustic tiled floor in lean to

Planning Issues:

Bockenfield Caravan Park – blue lights illuminating entrance – still outstanding

Felmoor Park – Entrance lighting and signage – still outstanding

Felmoor Park – Not complying with planning approval for timber cabins – still outstanding

55 Requested Agenda Items:

Remembrance Day Service – the Clerk has arranged for a wreath to be made. Cllr Clarehugh offered to lay the wreath this year.

56 Correspondence:

- NCC – Tree Scheme – trees have been applied for the Wintrick area
- NCC – Request to review DOI – these are all online and the Clerk has confirmed this with NCC
- NCC – Email re street naming for Burgham Housing Development – the developer is proposing Burgham Gardens for the estate name and the roads to be named Beech Avenue, Elm Crescent, Aspen Lane and Rowan Drive – the Parish Councillors could see no issue with these names other than a house at Burgham is called Rowntree House. Clerk to feed back to NCC. Clerk
- RAF – Rothbury House Sheltered Accommodation emailed to provide a poster for their retirement accommodation at Rothbury House in Rothbury, open to members of the military community over the age of 60. They would like us to make anyone we believe would benefit from their services. Clerk to put notice on noticeboard. Clerk
- Information email re APPG on Aviation formerly named APPC on General Aviation and statements made on the Airfield planning application
- Coquet Wine Club – banner request – it was agreed the banner could be placed on the railings on The Peth two weeks before any event and removed immediately after an event.
- Email requesting area for Alnwick Model Railway Club – they are looking for new premises, they need a large room like a weathertight farm building or commercial building.
- Email re MOD training over private land guidance – for information
- Email re Public Protection response to Airfield application – a resident raised the issue they were surprised and annoyed that Public Protection could see no issues with airfield application and that PP believe the airfield should self regulate. NCC responded stating PPs comments will be taken into consideration alongside all other comments.

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- Numerous emails and phone calls of complaint re outdoor cinema at Airfield – the disturbance from these events could be heard at Burgham Park as well as local houses. Children were unable to sleep. NCC state the Environmental Health Team were consulted as part of the TENs application process and proportionate consultation was undertaken with the event organiser. At this time the Team did not have any reasonable grounds or evidence on which to raise an objection. Given the feedback from local residents regarding the event NCC has written to the event organisers expressing the concerns and provided advice to them. NCC has also reassured the residents that these issues will be taken into account should further TENs be received. NCC has also discussed the deployment of noise monitoring equipment and/or officers attending the site should future events be undertaken. Cllr Allan has requested a brief meeting with Mr Murfin to discuss concerns over this response.
- Various emails in relation to Airfield breaches and concerns – to include flying out of hours, low flying of a large late arrival, annoyance at helicopter circuits, new windsock 2m high beside where helicopter is training. NCC is aware of these issues
- Email raising concerns in relation to night photo time shoot at Eshott Airfield – a nighttime photoshoot is being planned with planes running their engines until 9pm in October and a resident is concerned about the noise generated by these old aircraft as they are very noisy.
- Copy email re plane using airfield that has no Certificate of Airworthiness, since Jan 2022.
- Email request to have footpaths resurfaced through the village – Clerk to see if this can be added to the LTP despite if being past the deadline or speak to CC Sanderson about this.
- Email request to help with sourcing some planning papers for CM/20090496 – Bockenfield Caravan Park – Clerk has provided NCC with the papers that they cannot locate
- Emails re fly tipping at recycle bins and Bockenfield layby – NCC removed the rubbish
- Email re steep bank pathway breaking up again – the footpath which had recently been repaired had broken up again – this was reported to NCC and repairs undertaken within 24 hours.
- Email re Food Van in Bockenfield Layby – the Clerk advised that they thought permission would have to be sought from NCC as this was not something the PC could do.

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57 Finance

- (a) **Financial Summary** was reviewed with no issues and the current balance stands at £15,316.96 TPC funds and £4,929.97 FCJC Funds totaling £20,246.93. The balance was reconciled with the bank statement and agreed by the Councillors.
- (b) **Payments** - The following list was put before members and was approved:

Payments this meeting:		
IB177	L Hamlin Salary and Expenses 35 hours at £17.58 (£615.30) Home working allowance of 7 weeks (£7.00)	£622.30

- (c) **Income** – NCC Precept £5,000.00

58 Urgent Items –

- The Field of Hope needs cutting back however there are new trees planted by Felton CAN among this and it has been asked that these are strimmed around to make them clearly visible.
 - The planting team are planting bulbs in pots for spring where helpers will be needed to plant out.
 - The ivy and weeds are causing issues on The Peth steps.
 - The light is still not working on The Peth steps.
- Hedge at Bockenfield layby encroaching on road. Clerk to ascertain with NCC if it is okay for a resident to cut this back.

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59 Items for next agenda –

- Draft Budget
- Meeting Dates 2024
- Remembrance Day Service

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm

Date of Next meeting: 2 November 2023