

# THIRSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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To the Members of Thirston Parish Council:

11 December 2025

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summonsed to attend the Parish Council meeting of Thirston Parish in **the Long Room, Gallery 45, Felton on THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER October** at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Hamlin

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## 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 October 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) FCJC Invoice details

**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
  - 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:**

**25/03086/LBC** - Old Manse Cottage West Thirston - alterations to the bathroom – REFUSED. The application has provided insufficient information in relation to the historic fabric of the heritage asset prior to development

**25/03389/PRUTPO** - Chapelside House Eshott Village – Tree works - PERMITTED

**25/03599/HEGRMN** - Land East Of Wintrick Farm - Hedgerow Removal Notice: Removal of one section of hedgerow totalling 190m - APPROVED

**25/03660/FUL** – West Moor Plantation - Creation of a wooden framed outbuilding for a garage and gym space, conversion of a double garage to a utility, downstairs WC, downstairs bedroom and en-suite, and enclosure of the boiler, 2 doors for external access, creation of 3 windows and addition of 2 dormers on the west facing aspect of the roof - APPROVED

**Planning applications pending:**

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

**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

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**25/02672/LBC** - Eshott Hall - LBC for proposed external and internal alterations to Grade II Listed Eshott Hall, in addition to alterations to the former stable block and stable block buildings

**25/04301/FUL** - Land To West Of Longdyke - Erection of 4 small glamping pods and 1 shepherd's hut lodge for holiday use (year-round operation)

### **Planning Issues:**

Eshott Airfield

High Park Farm Appeal (24/02540/FUL) - APP/P2935/W/25/3375680

Pumpkin Pie signage and fencing

### 10. **Requested Agenda Items:**

Bandage unit beside Defib unit

Battery replacement for speed signs

Abandoned Vehicle

Budget for 2026/27

7 May meeting date

### 11. **Correspondence:**

NCC - Castle Morpeth Community Partnership 17/11/2025 invitation - circulated

NCC - Community Governance Review presentation – circulated

NCC - Joint Town and Parish Council Conference - Thursday 5th March 2026

NCC - Public Spaces Protection Order for the control of dogs – consultation circulated

NCC - Northumberland Design Code - We want to know about your neighbourhoods

North of Tyne Local Nature Recovery Strategy - draft - open for consultation deadline 9 Jan

Elected Members Prevent Handbook and Prevent Induction Handbook - circulated

Email Re the order to revoke the A1 in Northumberland – Consent given – circulated

WI update on bus shelters

Emails from resident of South High Moor re ditch works

Email request from East Thirston resident re speed monitoring results

Emails raising issues not previously replied to re FCJC

Email re Bockenfield layby bin

Email and WhatsApp message re military helicopter at Eshott Airfield

Email re mud on road from farm vehicles

Phone call request re dropped kerb

Blue Spirit - mental wellbeing of young people in Northumberland – donation request

NALC - Online Zoom Training Courses for Councillors

NALC News

CAN News

Groundwork Newsletter

### 12. **Finance** a) Financial Summary b) Accounts to be paid c) Income

### 13. **Urgent Items**

### 14. **Items for Next Agenda**

Meeting Dates for 2026: 5 Feb, 26 Mar, 7 May, 18 Jun, 6 Aug, 24 Sep, 5 Nov, 17 Dec