

THIRSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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To the Members of Thirston Parish Council:

21 May 2025

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summonsed to attend the Annual Parish Council meeting of Thirston Parish Council at **Felton Village Hall, Coquet Room** on **THURSDAY 29 MAY 2025**, after the Annual Parish Meeting, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Hamlin

AGENDA

1. **Election of Chairman** (Declaration of acceptance of office to be signed)
2. **Election of Vice Chairman** (Declaration of acceptance of office to be signed)
3. **Election and nominations of Members to Committees and Groups**
 - a) Cemetery Committee Meeting
 - b) Finance Group
 - c) Complaints Committee
4. **Apologies for absence**
5. **Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda**
6. **Public Questions (max 5 mins per person)**
7. **To approve and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2025**
8. **1) Matters arising there from (excluding outstanding actions in relation to NCC)**
 - a) Field run off at Eshott Village
 - b) Felton Cemetery Joint Committee – Policies and Procedures update
 - c) The Helm bus stop
 - d) Damaged kerbstone opposite Pumpkin Pie – NCC has confirmed this is on the action list and will be repaired when the pavement works are undertaken in the village.
 - e) Defib Pads – replacement of
 - f) Parking at Pumpkin Pie – parking buddies enquiry
 - g) Peth Railings
 - h) National Rivers Authority – to ascertain if they treating the Japanese Knotweed
 - i) Bockenfield Road Sign

2) Long-term Outstanding issues being addressed by NCC for information

 - a) Repointing of stone wall on the Peth (14/12/23) – Still outstanding – Photographs have been sent into NCC highlighting the main problems areas.
9. **Report by County Councillor**
10. **Report back from Meetings and Representations on behalf of TPC**

AGAR meeting
Cemetery Committee Meeting
11. **Potential Projects**
 - a) Footpaths/Rights of Way –
 - b) Landscaping
 - c) Short term / Medium term / Long term projects – Village gateways, bus shelters
12. **Planning**

To report on any planning decisions:

25/00675/FUL - 1 Beech Avenue, Burgham Gardens – extension to new build property as per approval 24/02501/VARYCO for similar property at this site – APPROVED

25/00727/FUL - Shothaugh Farm High Cottage - Removal of 3 No. existing rooflights and single story extension and internal alterations - APPROVED

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25/00672/VARYCO - Burgham Park Golf Club, Burgham Park - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) on approved planning application 20/02093/FUL in order to submit alternative elevation and site plans relating to the approved clubhouse extension - 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.

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

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

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

Planning Issues:

Felmoor Park – Entrance lighting and signage

13. Requested Agenda Items:

BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic) road closure

14. Correspondence:

NCC – Copy of letter informing residents of footpath works

NCC – Election notices to state inquorate

NCC – Love Northumberland Awards

Email & verbal concerns raised by a member of public re situation following PC being inquorate

Northumbrian Water - community outreach event Tuesday 22 April

Zurich - Insurance renewal notice

Email requesting advice on extending driveway dropped kerb

Email re new signage at Pumpkin Pie

Email re Microsoft Subscription

Email enclosing NALC subscription

Email – University of Portsmouth fraud study

Email x 2 - Felton Archaeology Project Meeting - Wednesday 16th April update

Emails re Airfield Liaison Group Meeting

Email regarding attendees and statements made in March meeting

12 x emails – copied into complaints to Eshott Airfield in relation to low flying/overflying/dangerous flying

Email in relation to Director of Eshott Airfield resigning raising concerns about who is taking over operation management and legal responsibilities

Email requesting copies of Airfield Newsletter as not receiving direct from Airfield

Email requesting details of internal auditor under FOI

Emails x 4 in relation to concerns over supplier VAT and bank account details

Emails x 3 in relation to legislation following an Election

Email requesting details of a Thirston Resident

Email copied in re breaches at Eshott Airfield

Groundworks Newsletter

CAN News

NALC News

15. Finance a) Financial Summary b) Accounts to be paid c) Income d) Certificate of Exemption

16. Urgent Items

17. Items for Next Agenda

Meeting Dates for 2025: to be confirmed