

**Togston Parish Council (TPC)**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held Friday 10th January 2025**  
**Togston Social Club 18:30**

(Venue acknowledged by NALC)

Draft minutes until signed

**25:01 Present**

**Councillors:** A Cairns, F Moore, C Thomson

**In attendance:**

M Burn (Clerk)

Members of the public attending x1

**25:02 Apologies for absence received:** Cllr Lisle, Cllr Blewitt

**25:03 Chairman of the meeting**

25.03.01 The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cairns

**25:04 Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations:**

None

**25.05 Public Forum**

25.05.01 A member of the public asked a question regarding the possible pathway from the end of Guyzance Avenue to the allotments. Discussion took place regarding land ownership and Persimmons homes building plans that were submitted. Clerk to make enquiries with Permissons homes.

Dog fouling was reported with discussion leading to an agreement to ensure street signs were in place.

**25:05 Minutes of Previous Meeting (Chair)**

25.05.01 The minutes were amended at point 47/24 to show the correct amount 160.00GBP from the invoice paid to Hobberlaw plants. Signed

**25:06 Matters Arising (Chair/clerk)**

25.06.01 Confirmation of appointment of the clerk M Burn to TPC, payroll documentation completed, website access arranged. Cllrs to review the website to update the local parish information. Clerk thanked TPC for the purchase of the new laptop computer.

25.06.03 There was no police report

25.06.04 Allotments health & safety **resolved** was acknowledged

25.06.05 Flower bed damage was acknowledged as **resolved**

### **25:07 Financial Matters (Clerk)**

25.07.01 Discussion took place regarding the possible move to an online account with Unity Trust bank as suggested by the clerk. No decision was made. Cllr C Thomson to investigate Unity Trust Bank and report to council.

25.07.02 Cllrs have investigated the NCC invoice for green spaces which was incorrect. Clerk to confirm with NCC that the previous contract at NCC has been cancelled.

25.07.03 Invoices paid / Future payments noted and paid

J Hood garden services paid	192.00GBP Bank transfer
Reimburse Cllr Cairns clerk computer	163.47GBP Cheque 647
Acklington hall hire clerk interview	10.00GBP Cheque 648
Xmas lights install & remove A M Electrics (Morris) x2yrs service 23/24	160.00GBP Cheque 649 (80+80)

25.07.04 The budget for 25/26 was reviewed at length. TPC **resolved** not to increase or decrease the precept. Clerk to action.

### **25:08 Parish Council business only Emails (Clerk)**

25.08.01 Discussion took place regarding the implementation of business only emails. Ongoing.

### **25:09 Parking issues (All)**

25.09.01 Discussion took place regarding incidents of 'inconsiderate parking'.

### **25:10 Adoption of Risk Policy (Clerk)**

25.10.01 TPC **Resolved** to adopt the policy already circulated in advance of the meeting

### **25:11 X20 Bus route (Chair)**

25.11.01 Discussion took place regarding the lack of bus through Broomhill to Ashington. To explore a possible link to the new rail travel hub at Ashington. Clerk to contact Arriva to discuss.

### **25.12 Flower tubs and plants (All)**

25.12.01 Cllr's discussed broken tubs and the plants. Cllr Cairns to seek estimates.

### **25:13 Footpaths in poor repair (All)**

25.13.01 Council agreed to seek the advice of Cllr Blewitt regarding the problem of poor or incomplete footpaths. Ongoing.

**25:14 Defibrillator (All)**

25.14.01 Discussion took place regarding guardianship of the defibrillator. TPC confirmed that they are the guardians, however the social club will fund new pads. Clerk to check the registration details and report to council. New pads to be arranged by Cllr Cairns. Ongoing

**25:15 Fix my street (Clerk)**

25.15.01 The clerk confirmed the broken / removed parking bollard had been reported to NCC via fix my street.

**Date of Next scheduled meeting:**

**Friday 7th March at 6:30pm.**

**Togston Social Club**

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

**Signed**.....Cllr

**Date**.....