

Togston Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Togston Terrace Social Club, on Friday, 6th March 2026

Present	Cllr Lauren Blewitt (Chair)	Cllr Carolynn Thomson (Vice Chair)	Cllr Anne Cairns
	Cllr David Milburn	Cllr Fiona Moore	Cllr Jennifer Robison
			Barry Flux (Clerk)
In Attendance	No members of the public		
Absent	None		

Agenda Item

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Following a correction to note that

4. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

After consideration by councillors, it was resolved to co-opt Joe Smith as a member of Togston Parish Council .

5. CLERK'S REPORT

- Payments – Full Financial Report

Payment of £950 was noted. It was identified that some transactions need to be reallocated between the General Account and 'Christmas' Account.

Action: Clerk to arrange necessary account adjustments

- Appointment of internal auditor

A recommendation for Gordon Fletcher to be appointed internal auditor was agreed.

- Website

The Clerk advised that the council must transition to a .gov.uk website
Current website will be decommissioned in April with a new website: togston-pc.gov.uk
(provided by Hugo Fox, Migration cost: £143)

The clerk suggested that it be a priority to ensure all existing online files are retained.

Resolved:

Signed

Date:

Approval given for payment of £143 for website migration.

Additional notes:

The Clerk proposed undertaking his Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA)

Total costs approx. £800 with Togston Parish Council providing a share of approximately £200 (25%)

The Clerk confirmed that were he to leave the council he would look to reimburse the Parish Council

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE

An update from County Councillor Scott Dickinson was noted.

7. PLANNING

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The change of use of agricultural land to holiday park and the proposed development of 120 static caravan and 40 touring caravan/motor-home pitches, together with an administration building and associated infrastructure including access tracks and parking

Land North West Of Togston East Farm Radcliffe Northumberland

Togston Parish Council resolved to object to the above planning application. After careful consideration, the Parish Council resolved to raise the following concerns.

- Highway Safety and Traffic Impact
- Scale and Overdevelopment
- Loss of Agricultural Land and Rural Character
- Impact on Public Rights of Way
- Inadequate Local Infrastructure and Services
- Cumulative Impact and Tourism Pressure
- Risk of Permanent Residential Use

It was resolved that the clerk would submit a detailed objection to the application.

8. GENERAL ITEMS

- Allotment charges 26/27

Draft letters regarding allotment charges have been prepared and reviewed, with amendments suggested. Discussion was held regarding inclusion of references to previous decisions and applicability of three-quarter plots.

It was agreed:

All allotments should now be classified as full or half plots, with three-quarter plots being phased out.

To finalise and verify spreadsheet and distribute letters.

Signed

Date:

- Bus stop

Further vandalism was reported and noted (perspex panel damaged).

Agreed: To obtain multiple repair quotes before proceeding. Consider long-term alternatives (e.g. vandal-resistant materials).

- White gates

White entrance gates installed in the village.

Believed to be part of a Northumberland County Council scheme (traffic calming / village gateways). Some uncertainty regarding origin and approval.

Action:

Make enquiries with the County Council for clarification.

- Acklington Footpath working group correspondence

Contact received from Sean Malone regarding cutting additional routes to create a loop for walkers and a possible contribution (£250) towards purchase of a flail machine.

Discussion points:

Concerns about environmental impact and appropriateness of flail use. Differing views on benefits of additional path maintenance. Acknowledgement that current maintenance by the group is voluntary.

It was agreed to arrange a site meeting to better understand proposals, but there would be no financial commitment agreed at this stage

- AOB

Further discussion about allotment administration and waiting lists took place.

9. ITEMS FOR THE MAY MEETING

No additional items formally recorded.

10. NEXT MEETING

After some debate it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Friday, 8th May 2026 starting at 6.30pm to be held at Togston Terrace Club

Signed

Date: