

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Thropton Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th November 2022 commencing at 7pm in Thropton War Memorial Hall

Those Present: Cllr J Sutton (Chairman), Cllr Aplin, Cllr I Webb, Cllr C Foggon, Cllr N Tuckey, C Miller (Clerk), Judy Carr (Thropton War Memorial Hall Committee)

2022/90 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence,

2022/91 Declaration of Members Interests

There were no Declaration of Members Interests.

2022/92 Public Questions

Judy Carr reported the War Memorial Hall Committee is involved with a solar powered village hall project through Community Action Northumberland, with a funding application towards improvements to be submitted. The building would become a community hub and was already registered as a venue to be used in times of crises. At the Northern Powergrid meeting held in Rothbury 8/11/22, the County Cllr announced that he was to submit a funding bid to equip village halls in Coquetdale, including Thropton hall, with items to assist in times of crises. Judy asked if the Parish Council had any knowledge of the bid and what is to be included for Thropton, however this was not known and it was suggested Judy email the County Cllr, copying in the Parish Council.

Judy left the meeting.

2022/93 Minutes of previous meeting held Tuesday 27th September 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held Tuesday 27th September 2022 be accepted as a true record.

2022/94 Thropton Play Area

2022/94/01 To consider most recent play area inspection reports

Issues raised in the report would be actioned under the play area repairs authorised at previous meeting.

2022/94/02 To consider new bin at play area

County Council could not access the play area litter bin and it was retrospectively resolved the bin currently in storage would be used to replace existing. A replacement bin would need acquired to be placed on the lane to the riverside, once development works had been completed.

2022/95 To consider Traffic control/traffic calming proposals for the parish

It was resolved the Parish Council were in favour with the safety scheme proposals at Thropton First School. General traffic control/calming proposals had been requested via the Local Transport Plan 2023-2024.

2022/96 To consider parishioner concerns regarding parking near to Cross Keys and option of double yellow lines

County Council had confirmed they would look into actioning some junction protection. However further restrictions were not considered appropriate along this residential road as they would be too restrictive for residents and their visitors.

2022/97 Finance

2022/97/01 Invoices for authorisation:

- Mijan Ltd – accounts package - £25 until 31/3/23
- Kidd Garden Design – grasscutting, play area inspection - £130
- Jubilee Institute – rent for cluster meeting - £18.00
- M Evens – installation of replacement bin at play area - £110

It was resolved to approve the payments

2022/97/02 To consider budget for 2023-2024

First draft of budget for 2023-2024 considered and which would be confirmed at the January 2023 Parish Council meeting.

2022/94/03 To consider precept requirements for 2023-2024

First draft of precept for 2023-2024 considered. The figures attributable to the running of Rothbury Whitton Bank Cemetery would be confirmed at the January 2023 Parish Council meeting. A play area reserve fund was to be built up and it was likely the parish precept would need to be raised by £500.

2022/98 Planning**2022/98/01 Withdrawal of Planning application received**

- 21/04415/S106A: Land West of Thropton Demesne, Variation of Section 106 on 18/02244/OUT.

2022/98/02 Approval of planning application received

- 22/02687/FUL: The Garage – Build new boundary wall along part frontage, install 2 new flagpoles, refurbish existing totem sign, car jet wash hard standing, resurface existing forecourt area and mark out parking bays
- 21/04569/FUL & 21/04570/LBC: The Pele, Conversion of ancillary buildings into two units, each one bedroom properties
- 22/03134/FUL: West Acre Road North Thropton to Blue Chirnells – Freestanding greenhouse

2022/99 To receive update from Rothbury Joint Burial Committee

A complaint had been received about part of the cemetery being over-run by rabbits, with Rothbury Parish Council seeking advice from a pest control company.

2022/100 To receive update from Rothbury Parish Council Crises Management Working Group

A crises management response training event had been held in the Jubilee Institute Rothbury on 15/10/22, with a large scale real time event proposed for late 2023. R Aplin had attended a community resilience event organised by Community Action Northumberland. Provision of warm hubs in the county are being encouraged with funding available. Thropton War Memorial Hall is a registered venue for times of resilience, and community events, ie. the Lunch Club are already being held. Thropton Together had carried out a mail drop to all properties in the parish to offer assistance in times of crises, with the parish split into areas and a volunteer for each part appointed to assist parishioners.

2022/101 To consider maintenance issues with Riverside Footpath

It was felt there was no resolution to the maintenance issues. Historically the Environment Agency had not been in favour of improvement works.

2022/102 Climate Change

Climate and Nature, a community group in Rothbury, would be delighted to work with the rest of Coquetdale in tackling climate change. Electric car charging points were to be installed at the new Spar/garage facility.

2022/103 To approve location for Thropton W.I. commemorative seat


Thropton W.I. were in discussions with the Spar regarding location of commemorative seat and had contacted Northumberland County Council regarding the piece of land at the entrance to Wreighburn Field. It was resolved the Parish Council would support this location.

2022/104 Northumberland County Council - Notice of Consultation to extend the duration of a Public Spaces Protection Order for the control of dogs

Northumberland County Council were consulting on the proposal to extend the duration of their Public Spaces Protection Order for the control of dogs, Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Part 4. They believe the PSPS should be extended for a further three years until 30/1/26 and it was resolved the Parish Council had no objection to these proposals.

2022/105 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Thropton Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 17th January 2023 commencing 7pm in Thropton War Memorial Hall.



C. Miller

The meeting closed at 745pm.

Claire Miller
Parish Clerk

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