

**Minutes of ordinary meeting of Thropton Parish Council held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 commencing at 730pm in Thropton War Memorial Hall**

**Those Present:** Cllr J Sutton (Chairman) Cllr R Aplin, Cllr C Foggon, Cllr I Webb, Cllr N Tuckey, C Miller (Clerk)

**2022/59 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2022/60 Declaration of Members Interests**

There were no Declaration of Members Interests.

**2022/61 Public Questions**

There were no public questions.

**2022/62 Minutes of previous meeting held Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 be accepted as a true record, with the inclusion of I Webb as being present.

**2022/63 Thropton Play Area**

**2022/63/01 To consider improvements to Thropton play area and financial implications**

County Council had advised the rubbish bin at the play area could not be opened correctly. As there was a bin in storage it was resolved this would be used to replace the damaged bin.

**2022/63/02 To consider most recent play area inspection reports, including annual ROSPA report**

Annual ROSPA play area inspection report had referred to overhanging tree branches; monitoring and greasing of rotator bearings; uneven swing surface, and consideration to be given to re-seeding of ground. Clerk had forwarded copy of report to A Kidd and would make contact to consider points that need actioned.

**2022/63/03 To consider options for relocation/improvements to goalpost**

To resolve the problem with footballs going over the fence, it was resolved to purchase a net for the goalpost.

**2022/64 To consider Traffic control/traffic calming proposals for the parish**

Further to draft proposals displayed to the public, R Mckenzie, County Council, had been forwarded a report of the comments received and would be confirming his thoughts in due course. Integrated traffic management, including a reduction in the speed limit to 20mph, had been included in the Local Transport programme 2022-2023, subject to consultation and further consideration of the Phase 1 proposals. Developer was to provide new village signage in due course.

**2022/65 Finance**

**2022/65/01 Invoices for authorisation:**

- Playsafety – annual play area inspection - £92.40
- Kidd Garden Design – grasscutting/playground inspection May/June - £220

It was resolved to approve the payments.

**2022/66 Planning**

**2022/66/01 Planning applications received**

- 22/01529/FUL: Farm Cottage Guest House – single storey flat roof extension to rear of property, single storey annex extension to rear of property, construction of new storage/outbuilding, **AND APPROVED BY COUNTY COUNCIL.**
- 22/01802/FUL: Land West of Westfield House – proposed creation of 4 No holiday huts – no objections.
- 21/04750/LBC & 21/02469/FUL: The Pele – Listed Building Consent/Convert ancillary buildings into two units, each one bedroom properties with bathroom, kitchen, living and dining facilities, to be utilised as annexes – no objections.
- 22/02421/FUL: Land West of Thropton Demesne – Construction of single detached dwelling in grounds and repositioned parking for current house – no objections.
- 22/02473/VARYCO: Shalamar, Pondicherry – Variation of Condition 2 to 21/04086/FUL to allow change in the design by removing the side extension to the west side and by increasing the width of the side extension to the east – no objections

**2022/66/02 Approval of planning application received**

- 22/00127/VARYCO: Lady Bank, Snitter – Variation of Condition to A/2008/0224 to vary the house design

**2022/66/03 To receive update on the Coquetdale Neighbourhood Plan**

Individual Parish Council's to submit minutes agreeing they wish to be included in the Coquetdale Neighbourhood Plan, which Clerk would forward to Planning Officer at County Hall. Boundary could then be confirmed by County Council, which would entail public consultation.

**2022/66/04 To receive update regarding Planning Application: 18/00751/REM: Land to the West of Northern 4 x 4 Centre, West End Garage – Reserved matters for 79 No dwellings with all matters to be considered including access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale on 13/03894/OUT (Revised Description 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021)**

Cllr Tuckey to object on behalf of the Parish Council at County Council Planning Committee where application is due to be heard – date to be confirmed.

**2022/67 To receive update from Rothbury Joint Burial Committee**

Nothing to report.

**2022/68 To receive update from Rothbury Parish Council Crises Management Working Group**

Training session to be arranged which would entail practice scenarios for times of crises – date to be confirmed.

**2022/69 To consider County Council Local Transport Plan requests 2023-2024, current requests being footpath surface improvements from bridge to first school; integrated traffic management, including reduction in speed limit to 20mph; creation of a car park within the parish**

Footpath surface improvements from bridge to first school were a maintenance issue, had been recorded and would be considered when developing future planned maintenance programmes. In the meantime Area Maintenance teams would continue to monitor and carry out any minor works required to maintain in a safe condition. Integrated traffic management including reduction in speed limit to 20mph had been included in the programme, subject to consultation and further consideration of the Phase 1 proposals. It was resolved to retain integrated traffic management proposals in the LTP 2023-2024.

**2022/70 To consider issues arising from informal meeting held 13/6/22 with County Council Housing Officers**

Informal meeting had been held with County Council Housing Officers, however no further information would be available until Planning Application NO 18/00751/REM: Land to the West of Northern 4 x 4 Centre, West End Garage had been determined.

**2022/71 Police Report**

No police report had been received.


**2022/72 Northumberland County Council – Northumberland Town and Parish Council Climate Change Toolkit**

County Council had published information booklet regarding Climate Change and how Town and Parish Council's could be involved. Cllr Aplin to look through document and report back at next meeting.

**2022/73 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of Thropton Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 commencing 7pm in Thropton War Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.



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Parish Clerk

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