

Minutes of Thropton Parish Annual Assembly held on Tuesday 17th May 2022 commencing at 7pm in Thropton War Memorial Hall

Those Present: I Webb, J Sutton, R Aplin, N Tuckey, C Miller, eight members of the public

1/22 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2/22 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 14th May 2019

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 14th May 2019 be accepted as a true record.

3/22 Public Participation

The two proposed housing developments within the parish of concern. The 18 home development proposed on a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) currently going through the County Council planning process. Resident objections had been submitted regarding the legalities of the 79 home development at the former 4x4 garage. Several Snitter residents had approached lawyers for legal advice, however all companies contacted were currently involved with Northumberland County Council or Advance Northumberland.

The majority of Thropton and Snitter parishioners were against the proposals but there seemed little in the Parish Council's powers to prevent the developments, and it appeared the County Council were working against the Parish Council as far as housing development was concerned. Colin Horncastle, County Council Cabinet member had attended a Parish Council meeting and a number of issues regarding the 79 home development had been made to him, however no further contact had been received from him. The Parish Council had complained on several occasions regarding the unacceptable amount and type of refuse currently on the site, with County Council Planning Enforcement eventually taking action. Parishioner claimed with the County Council and Advance Northumberland being connected, there is potential for a conflict of interest.

N Tuckey believed trees were to be planted at the 18 home housing development on SSSI.

4/22 Any Other Business

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 7:17pm

5/22 Date of Next Meeting

The next Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held on Tuesday 16th May 2023 commencing 7pm in Thropton War Memorial Hall.