

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Thropton Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th January 2023 commencing at 7pm in Thropton War Memorial Hall

Those Present: Cllr J Sutton (Chairman), Cllr C Foggon, Cllr N Tuckey, C Miller (Clerk),

2023/01 Apologies for absence

Cllr's Aplin and Webb.

2023/02 Declaration of Members Interests

There were no Declaration of Members Interests.

2023/03 Public Questions

There were no public questions.

2023/04 Minutes of previous meeting held Tuesday 15th November 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 15th November 2022 be accepted as a true record.

2023/05 Thropton Play Area

2023/05/01 To consider most recent play area inspection reports

The report indicated that there was some minimal damage to the new goalpost netting and mole hills were appearing on grass surfaces. The rocker dog equipment had been removed, with the base remaining and which would be monitored at the monthly inspections. There were still outstanding equipment repairs, however the current contractor had tonight informed the Clerk he was no longer able to carry the repairs out or future grasscutting, but could continue with the monthly play area inspection. It was resolved to seek quotes for fortnightly grasscutting April to September annually, for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting, with Cllr Tuckey to carry out repair to rocker dog equipment.

2023/06 To consider Traffic control/traffic calming proposals for the parish

It was resolved to contact R Mckenzie, County Council Highways Department, regarding the increased traffic and on street parking due to the Spar opening, which was clearly exacerbating problems already evident within the parish.

2023/07/01 Invoices for authorisation:

- Kidd Garden Design – play area inspection; tree pruning - £70
- Coquetdale Cluster Fee – year ending 31.3.23 - £31.20

It was resolved to approve the payments.

2023/07/02 To consider budget for 2023-2024

It was resolved to approve the budget for 2023-2024.

2023/07/03 To consider the following precept requirements 2023-2024:

Parish Precept £5,000; Burial Precept - £9890

It was resolved to approve the parish precept of £5,000 and burial precept of £9890, total £14890 2023-2024.

2023/07/04 To approve purchase of bin for lane to riverside

The bin purchased for the lane to riverside had been used to replace the damaged bin at the play area. It was therefore resolved to purchase a replacement bin.

2023/07/05 To consider request for grant from Coquetdale Amateur Dramatics Society

It was resolved no grant would be given.

2023/07/06 To consider request for grant from Coquetdale Lunch Club to provide draught excluder/fleece blanket to elderly parishioners during the cost of living crises

A grant request had been received from Coquetdale Lunch Club to provide a draught excluder/fleece blanket for eight members of the Club who reside in Thropton, at a total cost of £280. It was resolved no grant would be given and to advise they contact Northumberland County Council Communities Together who can assist with matters relating to the Cost of Living Crises.

2023/08 Planning

2023/08/01 Planning Applications received

- 22/04005/ADE: Spar Stores – Advertisement consent for 1 x illuminated SPAR sign on South East elevation – application withdrawn.

2023/08/02 Approval of planning application received

- 21/04766/VARYCO: Auto Testing Centre – Variation of Condition 2 20/01442/FUL
- 21/04231/REM: Land West of Thropton Demesne – Reserved matters application for access, appearance, scale, layout and landscaping for 18 dwellings pursuant to 18/02244/OUT

2023/09 To receive update from Rothbury Joint Burial Committee

2023/09/01 To approve Rothbury Joint Burial Committee Constitution, amended December 2022

It was resolved to approve the Rothbury Joint Burial Committee Constitution amended December 2022 to reflect the percentage differences in the 2023-2024 taxbase.

2023/10 To consider Crises Management

Nothing to report.

2023/11 To consider Climate Change

There was a company offering free government funded EV charge points and it was resolved Clerk would request further information.

2023/12 Coquetdale Cluster

2023/12/02 As treasurer to the Cluster, to consider amendment to Clerk contract to include Cluster duties

It was resolved Clerk contract would be amended to include Coquetdale Cluster annual hours, and which were separate from the Thropton Parish Council clerk salary.

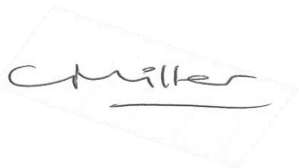
2023/13 To consider parishioner report of road flooding within the parish

Parishioner had contacted Cllr Aplin and who had since raised the issue of road flooding with Graham Bucknall, County Council Highways, at the Coquetdale Cluster meeting held December 2022. There was a particular issue in front of The Meadows, however Cllr Foggon reported flooding had been evident in this area for 60 years.

2023/14 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Thropton Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 21st March 2023 commencing 7pm in Thropton War Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 730pm

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Claire Miller
Parish Clerk

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