

**Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Thropton Parish Council held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 commencing at 715pm in Thropton War Memorial Hall**

**Those Present:** Cllr Sutton (Chairman), Cllr Foggon, Cllr Tuckey, Cllr Bertram, C Miller (Clerk)

**2023/75 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Aplin

**2023/76 Declaration of Members Interests**

Cllr Tuckey declared an interest in agenda item: **2023/81/01 Invoices for authorisation**

**2023/77 Co-Option Vacancy**

It was resolved to Co-Opt Sarah Bertram onto the Parish Council.

**2023/78 Public Questions**

There were no public questions.

**2023/79 Minutes of previous meeting held Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 be accepted as a true record.

**2023/80 Thropton Play Area**

**2023/80/01 To receive update from issues arising contained within annual RoSPA play area inspection report**

Cllr Tuckey to remove last piece of dog rocker. Matting and astro turf could be sprayed to alleviate weeds, although the whole area would benefit from replacement. Tree stumps required removal, however it was believed Cllr Aplin could have proposals for their use, which would be considered further at next meeting.

**2023/81 Finance**

**2023/81/01 Invoices for authorisation**

- CSM Windows and Guttering – play area grasscutting 1/8/23 - £135; 10/8/23 - £75; 22/8/23 - £75; 31/8/23 - £90.00
- C Miller – salary/expenses - £598.52
- Welmedical – defib pads -£79.08
- Spanglefish – annual web-site hosting fee - £103.00
- Jubilee Institute – hire of Dovecote Room – Coquetdale Cluster 1.8.23 - £10
- Rothbury Parish Council (RJBC) – six month burial precept - £4945

It was resolved to approve the payments.

**2023/81/02 To consider request for grant from Citizens Advice Northumberland**

Citizens Advice Northumberland had confirmed advice and assistance had been given to 107 individuals in the Rothbury Ward from 1/4/22 to 31/3/23. After consideration, it was resolved no grant would be given.

**2023/82 Planning**

**2023/82/01 Planning Application received**

- 23/03071/FUL: Land West of Thropton Demesne, Residential development (Use Class C3) 18 No dwellings with associated infrastructure and landscaping – no objections.

- 23/03224/FUL: Cartington Farm – Retrospective, Construction of open sided and ended structure used for cattle handling purposes – no objections.

**2023/82/02 To receive update regarding parishioner complaint relating to noise and cooking smell nuisance from Thropton Spar**

Northumberland County Council had confirmed decibel readings were below that specified by the World Health Organisation. The store continues to limit the hours the fan is in use, between 9am – 3pm. Everything had been installed as per the initial planning agreement, and nothing else could be done at this stage, with Spar having carried out costly adaptations that go above and beyond what is required to minimise the effect on neighbouring properties.

**2023/82/03 Planning Application Refused by County Council**

- 22/02421/FUL: Land West of Thropton Demesne – Construction of single detached dwelling in grounds of Thropton Demense, repositioning parking for current house.

**2023/83 To receive update from Rothbury Joint Burial Committee**

New tractor and trailer purchased; Stump grinder to be hired.

**2023/85 To consider options for parish noticeboard to be located at Village Hall**

Hall Committee had been asked to seek quotations for replacement noticeboard, however no information had been provided.

**2023/86 To consider changes to County Council North Local Area Committee**

The County Council Local Area Committee had amended the committee structure, with the planning element of the meeting to be held separately. Subsequently the Committee would be moving around the area and Parish Council's were able to request items for discussion. Clerk to circulate details of next meeting, when information received.

**2023/87 To receive notice of Town and Parish Conference at County Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 2 to 6pm**

Town and Parish Conference to be held at County Hall, with Cllr's Tuckey and Sutton to attend – Clerk to confirm with County Council.

**2023/88 Traffic management**

Further to works being carried out at Thropton Bridge which had subsequently been abandoned, it was resolved to seek clarification from County Council, who had advised priority warning signage had been included in LTP 2023-2024. Complaints were being made about issues with pavement parking at Armstrong Hall. Interactive speeding signage in the parish would be beneficial - Clerk to initially seek advice via County Council.

**2023/88/01 To consider community speedwatch in the parish**

Cllr Tuckey prepared to carry out community speedwatch training – Clerk to confirm to Northumbria Police.

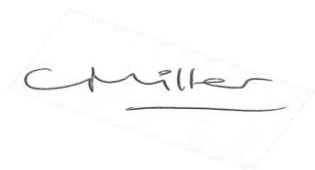
**2023/89 Urgent Business/Items for next meeting**

Complaints had been received about the pavement from Three Wheat Heads upwards, which posed danger to the elderly. Northumbrian Water had carried out work on B6341, however a dip in the road appeared to be worsening - Clerk to report to County Council.

**2023/90 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of Thropton Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 commencing 7pm in Thropton War Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 820pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Miller', is enclosed within a faint, light-colored rectangular border. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Claire Miller, Parish Clerk

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