

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Thropton Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st November 2023 commencing at 7pm in Thropton War Memorial Hall

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

2023/90 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2023/91 Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr Tuckey declared an interest in agenda item No 2023/95/01, Invoices for authorisation.

Cllr Bertram declared an interest in agenda item No 2023/96/01, Planning application 23/02883/FUL, Bankhead Boarding Kennels, Cartington Bank.

2023/92 Public Questions

There were no public questions.

2023/93 Minutes of previous meeting held Tuesday 19th September 2023

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held Tuesday 19th September 2023 be accepted as a true record.

2023/94 Thropton Play Area

2023/94/01 To receive update from issues arising contained within annual RoSPA play area inspection report

Cllr Tuckey to action grass growing through matting and removal of rocker.

2023/94/02 To consider use for tree stumps in play area

Trunks could be incorporated into the play area, which would require engagement of a professional company. Fence repair required, which is the responsibility of a private landowner. Play area would benefit from a complete upgrade, with item to be added to next agenda, and site visit to be held early January 2024. Safeguarding policy would need adopted in order for the Council to access funding.

2023/95 Finance

2023/95/01 Invoices for authorisation

- CSM Windows and Guttering – play area grasscutting 25/9/23 - £120; 2/10/23 - £75; 13/10/23 - £105
- Kidd Garden Design – playground inspections July, August, September - £60

It was resolved to approve the payments.

2023/95/02 To consider budget requirements 2024-2025

First draft of budget requirements considered. Spar area would benefit from Interactive signage. Parish Council would need to fund, however as speed surveys carried out by County Council had not indicated problems, obtaining grant funding would be problematic. Warning signage such as “20 is plenty,” could be an option. Cllr Tuckey prepared to attend Northumbria Police training in order to carry out speed gun monitoring in the parish. County Cllr had proposed interactive signage at Cartington and may be prepared to fund in Thropton. Clerk to seek advice regarding stipulations relating to Community Infrastructure Levy funding.

2023/95/03 To consider precept requirements 2024-2025

First draft of precept requirements considered. Average Band D property approximately £60 precept/annum. Play area reserves to be increased, with parish precept to be possibly raised to £6,000. To be confirmed January 2024.

2023/95/04 To consider request for grant from Thropton Together of £140.00 for public liability insurance for Christmas lights display

It was resolved to fund the cost of £140 for public liability insurance. Cllr Tuckey voted against the request.

2023/96 Planning

2023/96/01 Planning applications received:

- 23/02883/FUL: Bankhead Boarding Kennels, Cartington Bank- Change of use, conversion and redevelopment of redundant farm buildings to create five dwellings with associated landscaping, access and car parking – Parish Council had objected to the proposals due to access concerns. It was resolved the Parish Council would not support/maintain settlement gateway signage for Cartington.

2023/96/02 Approval of planning application received

No approval of planning application had been received.

2023/97 Highway Matters

2023/97/01 To consider Parish Council funding interactive signage in the parish

Discussed earlier.

2023/97/02 To receive update on matters reported to County Council – footpath from Three Wheat Heads upwards: B6341 road dip

County Council had advised via Fix My Street that repairs are scheduled on footpath at Three Wheat Heads. B6341 road dip continues to be problematic.

2023/97/03 To receive update regarding Northumbria Police community speedwatch scheme

Discussed earlier.

2023/98 To receive update from Rothbury Joint Burial Committee

There was nothing to report from the Joint Burial Committee.

2023/99 To consider options for parish noticeboard to be located at Village Hall

Proposals/quotes had not been provided by the Village Hall.

2023/100 To consider declaring a climate emergency

Climate and Nature representative had attended a Coquetdale Cluster meeting to request individual Parish Council's declare a climate emergency. Cllr Aplin had produced a document containing action the Parish Council could take, for instance bearing in mind climate change when commenting on Planning Applications, ie installation of solar panels, heat pumps. It was resolved an achievable policy to deal with issues relevant to Thropton parish would be considered, ie. native shrubs planted at the play area. The first step being consultation of parishioners and proposals collated. It was resolved not to declare a climate emergency.

2023/101 To consider request to use bus shelter from Armstrong Hall on Christmas Eve

It was resolved to give permission for use of the bus shelter for a special service to be held on Christmas Eve.

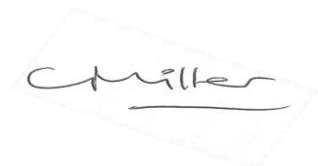
2023/102 Urgent Business/Items for next meeting

There was no urgent business/items for next meeting.

2023/103 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Thropton Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 16th January 2024 commencing 7pm in Thropton War Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 820pm

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C Miller, Parish Clerk

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