

**Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Thropton Parish Council held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 commencing at 7pm in Thropton War Memorial Hall**

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

**2024/01 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Mrs Bertram

**2024/02 Declaration of Members Interests**

There were no Declaration of Members Interests.

**2024/03 Public Questions**

There were no public questions.

**2024/04 Minutes of previous meeting held Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023**

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held Tuesday 21st November 2023 be accepted as a true record.

**2024/05 Thropton Play Area**

**2024/05/01 To receive update from issues arising contained within annual RoSPA play area inspection report**

Rocker dog to be removed in due course.

**2024/05/02 To consider replacement play area equipment and information relating to County Council developer contributions**

Site meeting had been held with contractor and quotation provided. It was resolved to seek quote(s) for the groundworks and further quote(s) from play area specialists.

**2024/06 Finance**

**2024/06/01 Invoices for authorisation**

There were no invoices for authorisation.

**2024/06/02 To consider budget requirements 2024-2025**

It was resolved to approve the budget requirements 2024-2025,

**2024/06/03 To consider precept requirements 2024-2025**

It was resolved to approve the precept requirements 2024-2025 of £10071 Burial Precept, and £6,000 Parish Precept.

**2024/06/04 To consider request for grant from Great North Air Ambulance**

It was resolved no funds would be granted.

**2024/07 Planning**

**2024/07/01 Planning applications received**

- 23/04498/FUL: 7 Village Farm – Two storey rear house extension with first floor added to utility plus associated works – no objections

**2024/07/02 Withdrawal of planning application 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.

**2024/08 Highway Matters**

**2024/08/01 To receive update on matters report to County Council – footpath from Three Wheat Heads upwards; B6341 road dip**

Works outstanding.

**2024/09 To receive update from Rothbury Joint Burial Committee**

Cemetery paths to be improved.

**2024/10 To consider options for parish noticeboard to be located at Village Hall**

Village Hall obtaining quotations for replacement noticeboard.

**2024/11 To consider findings from consultation with parishioners regarding climate change**

Thropton Together were prepared to promote any ideas or suggestions that the Parish Council may have in regards to climate change. Parishioner comments had been received in relation to reduction in fossil fuel usage, however financial constraints made this difficult and incentives to install measures such as solar panels had been reduced. Property developers should be forced to install solar panels etc, however this would be contrary to national planning regulations. Thropton Memorial Hall Committee had made full use of grants available to them in relation to lighting and heating installation.

**2024/12 To consider agreeing with Northumberland County Council's environmental policy statement of October 2023 and support its aims and objectives in whatever ways are considered appropriate and achievable with regard to local circumstances**

The Parish Council recognise that there are environmental issues that need addressed, and It was resolved to lobby parishioners to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in May to gauge public opinion in relation to looking after the environment.

**2024/13 To consider request for grit bin, west end of village**

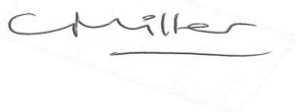
Parishioner request for grit bin at west end of village had been received which the Parish Council would need to fund. As there is an existing grit bin near the vicinity in Wreighburn Field, it was resolved a further bin was not required.

**2024/14 Urgent Business/Items for next meeting**

There was no urgent business/items for next meeting.

**2024/15 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of Thropton Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 commencing 7pm in Thropton War Memorial Hall.



The meeting closed at 8pm  
C Miller, Parish Clerk

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