

THROPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Thropton Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th September 2024 commencing at 7pm in Thropton War Memorial Hall

Those Present: Cllr Sutton (Chairman), Cllr Aplin, Cllr Foggon, Cllr Tuckey

In Attendance: C Miller (Clerk/RFO)

2024/70 Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs Bertram

2024/71 Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr Tuckey declared an interest in Agenda Items **2024/78 2024/78/01 Invoices for authorisation, and 2024/76/03 Members to approve budget and additional works to grasscutting contract**

2024/72 Minutes of previous meeting held 16th July 2024

RESOLVED:

Members agreed the minutes of the previous meeting were a true record.

2024/73 Public Questions

There were no public questions.

2025/74 Environmental issues. Members to receive update relating to Environmental Community Group and confirmation of public meeting date

Jane Davis, Chair of Coquet River Action Group, and Duncan Glen Director of Northumberland Rivers Trust to attend Environmental meeting arranged for 25/9/24 commencing 730pm.

2024/75 Minutes of previous meeting held Tuesday 16th July 2024

Duplication of agenda item.

2024/76 Thropton Play Area

2024/76/01 Play area. Members to consider replacement play area equipment

Three written resident responses had been received supporting improvements to the play area. Members agreed further consultation would be required to gauge resident views, via a questionnaire.

RESOLVED:

Clerk to draft resident questionnaire for consideration at next meeting.

2024/76/02 Annual ROSPA inspection of play area. Members to consider report recommendations and approve works required

Members considered the RoSPA Inspection report. The fence had been repaired, trees trimmed and ground underneath swings made good.

2024/76/03 Members to approve budget and additional works to grasscutting contract

RESOLVED:

Members approved a budget of £500 to cover cost of further play area repair/replacements.

2024/78 Finance

2024/78/01 Invoices for authorisation

PAYABLE TO	DETAIL	NETT	VAT	GROSS
Spanglefish	Website	£78.00	£30.00	£108.00
CSM Windows & Guttering	Play area grasscutting 26/7/24 29/7/24 5/8/24 19/8/24 27/8, 28/8 & 3/9 15/9	£90.00 £45.00 £75.00 £105.00 £135.00 £60.00	NIL	
Playsafety Ltd	Rospa play area inspection	£98.40	£16.40	£82.00
Employee	Six month salary Six month expenses Reimbursement, wood for play area	£581.24 £58.16 £64.80		
Rothbury Parish Council	Six monthly Joint Burial Committee precept	£5035.50	NIL	
Jubilee Institute	Cluster meeting room rent 6/8/24	£15.00	NIL	
Kidd Garden Design	Playground inspection April to August 2024	£100.00		

RESOLVED:

Members approved the payments.

2024/78/02 Request for grant from Hospicecare Northumberland. Members to consider request.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed not to approve a grant.

2024/78/03 To receive acknowledgement of grant from Citizens Advice Northumberland

Acknowledgement of grant noted.

2024/79 Planning

2024/79/01 Planning applications received

No planning applications had been received.

2024/79/02 Approval of planning application received

- 24/01065/FUL: Cross Keys Inn – amendments to ground floor entrances and first floor flat; install a ramped external entrance, internal amendment for ground floor pub area; amend cottage extension roof line; install gate to gable external space

2024/79/03 Cherry Tree on green at The Meadows. Members to consider requesting TPO on tree.

Members discussed requesting a TPO on cherry tree located on green at The Meadows. The tree is a focal point in the village, having been planted by the W.I. many years ago.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to submit a TPO.

2024/80 Highway Matters

2024/80/01 Members to receive update on outstanding highway matters. Footpath from Three Wheat Heads upwards; B6341 road dip

County Council had actioned B6341 road dip and advised the report on the Three Wheats footpath had been closed and all necessary actions taken.

2024/80/02 Local Transport Plan requests 2025-2026. Members to consider areas for inclusion

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to request the following:

1. Traffic calming, village entrance near to Spar
2. Traffic calming at Thropton School

2024/81 Members to receive update from Rothbury Joint Burial Committee

Site meeting had been held with Northumberland Estates to discuss the possibility of relocating the stream to its original location in order for existing land to be used for burials. Existing cemetery plot provision to be clarified, with Northumberland Estates to advise if they had any other land available which could be used as a cemetery.

2024/82 X14 Bus Service. Members to receive information regarding increasing X14 night time service

No further information had been received.

2024/83 Town and Parish Council Conference, County Hall, 3/10/24. Members to receive invite.

Cllr's Tuckey and Aplin to attend.

2024/84 Northumberland County Council. Members to consider consultation Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Members to consider the consultation.

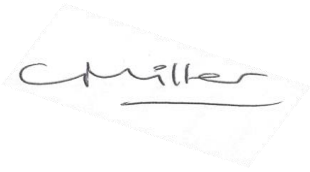
2024/85 Urgent Business/Items for next meeting

Request for a grit bin at Village View had been received, with matter to be considered at next meeting.

2024/86 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Thropton Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 19th November 2024 commencing 7pm in Thropton War Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 8pm

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C Miller, Clerk/RFO

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