

ROTHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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AGENDA for meeting to be held on Wednesday 15th September 2010
in the Jubilee Hall. Rothbury commencing 715pm

Apologies for absence

- 111/10** **Declarations of Interest**
- 112/10** **Public Questions:** To receive any questions notified by members of the public
- 113/10** **Minutes of the meeting held on 18 August 2010:** To consider any amendments necessary to the minutes
- 114/10** **Matters Arising**
- 114/10.01 Chairman's Announcements
- 114/10.02 Urgent Business
- 114/10.03 Crime & Disorder Forum
- 114/10.04 Play Areas: to discuss future Parish Council responsibilities and costings for play area maintenance
- 114/10.05 Northumberland County Council Local Transport Plan: to discuss West End Chicane rejected project and any other LTP issues
- 114/10.06 NHS Governor matters: to receive update on any issues
- 114/10.07 Beggar Rigg planting suggestions
- 114/10.08 Quality Parish Council: feedback from Bridges magazine newsletter
- 114/10.09 Lord Armstrong Bi -centenary: to receive update on proposed celebrations
- 114/10.10 Church Clock update: to discuss future clock repairs that may be required
- 114/10.11 Allotments: to report on tidying up of allotment land & possible purchase of land for additional allotments
- 114/10.12 Dog Bins: Cllr Gilson requested to be placed on agenda
- 115/10** **Planning:** to receive notification of any issue, and to consider the Council position
- 116/10** **Financial Matters**
- 116/10.01 Accounts for payment
- C Miller - quarterly salary & expenses - £896.59
 - Rothbury & Coquetdale History Society - £1K - Lord Armstrong Bi-Centenary
 - UCCT - August Bus Hire - £85.00
- 116/10.02 Donation Requests
- 117/10** **Seats/Trees:** to report any seat/tree issues
- 118/10** **Paths/Verges:** to report on any path/verge issues
- 119/10** **Cyclepath:** to report on progress
- 120/10** **Unitary Councillor Report:** Coun. Bridgett to update Parish Council on relevant Northumberland County Council matters.
- 121/10** **Correspondence.**
- 121/10.01 Natural England - proposed new guidance
- 121/10.02 Campaign to Protect Rural England - Trees & Hedgerows Debate
- 121/10.03 Bob Smith - Fly tipping
- 121/10.04 Northumberland County Council- Town Council Meetings
- 121/10.05 No Need for Nuclear - House of Commons Early Day Motion No 557

- 122/10** **Any additional agenda items for inclusion** please contact Clerk or Chairman
- 123/10** **Items to be discussed in private** (exclusion of public)
- 124/10** **Date of Next Meeting**

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Approved minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 18th August 2010 in the Jubilee Hall, Rothbury commencing 715pm

Apologies for absence Cllr A Fendley

PRESENT Cllr P Dawson (Chair)

Cllr J Morton Cllr H Edes
Cllr J Reynolds Cllr C Dawson
Cllr M Gilson Cllr T Sandford
Cllr R Murray

In attendance

Cllr Bridgett (Northumberland County Council)

97/10 Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded all Councillors of their duty to declare, at the start of any such item on the agenda, if they have a personal or prejudicial interest.

98/10 Public Questions

Meeting with Helen Sherman from Culture Creative reference National Trust Armstrong Bi-Centenary Celebrations: Lit walk to be carried out for 3 weeks in November. Finale to be held on anniversary - procession and show at Tumbleton Lake and back into village. Special night for residents for lit walk. Hope local business's to stay open later on these nights, possibility of Christmas Lighting being erected earlier. Church bells will ring a full peal - 3 hour session - timed to coincide with procession. The main road will be closed during procession, hoping to operate park and ride scheme.

99/10 Minutes of the meeting held 14th July 2010: It was proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Sandford and **IT WAS AGREED** that the minutes be adopted with the following amendments: NHS Governor matter: add 'and all PCT's will be dispersed with'.

100/10 Matters Arising

100/10.01 Chairman's Announcements

- Mr Moat situation - ashes scattered in area, should now move away from the subject.

100/10.02 Urgent Business

- 13 additional items to be discussed
- Parish Council Devolved Service minutes meeting 21/7110 circulated.

100/10.03 Crime & Disorder Forum

Last meeting cancelled, with no notice given.

100/10.04 Play Areas

RoSPA Addycombe play area report received, no major issues of concern at present. Cllr Gilson to action.

100/10.05 Northumberland County Council Local Transport Plan

War Memorial Crossing, Bridge Street improvements and West End to be 3 requested priorities.

100/10.06 NHS Governor matters

Nothing-to report.

100/10.07 Electric car power points

Funding an issue - car park area has been looked at, however issues with voltage requirements, to be taken off agenda.

100/10.08 Beggar Rigg planting suggestions

Nothing to report.

100/10.09 Quality Parish Council

Bridges Editor prepared to include quarterly report, suggest first publication to be after November meeting, then Februar) meeting to coincide with Bridges publishing dates.

100/10.10 Lord Armstrong Bi-centenary

Meeting held 17/8/10, flowerbed actioned. Celebrations could cause problems if large influx of visitors. Armstrong trail to be produced and three storyboards, cross lighting discussed but dependent on power connections. Groups need to be contacted if Christmas lighting requested earlier, however Ros Tinlin had spoken to David Young electrician.

100/10.11 Church Clock update

Cllr Dawson had contacted W Potts to stop chiming; however clock had suddenly started chiming again. Correspondence received from PCC requesting an urgent meeting, however no reply to suggested meeting dates Cllr Dawson has given. Information on alternative available.

100/10.12 Allotments

Current planning application submitted from developer. Additional allotment plots looked at, could be available in future.

101/10 Planning

101/10.01 Planning Applications have been received for the following:

- A/2010/0275: Ms L Calvert, Steward House - alterations to foot access - railings should be retained
- A/2010/0278 & A/2010/0279: Lloyds Bank - replacement window display - supported
- A/2010/0280: Mr A Stewart, Windhaugh Cottage, Bridge Street - Stable block - should remain within ownership of householders, concerns over horses entering Bridge Street.
- A/2010/0297: Mr B Staff, Stonelea, Hillside - retrospective consent for decked area - where balcony situated could be overlooking property at south.
- 10/00173/CCD: Installation of antenna north elevation Fire Station - supported.
- 10/00187/CCD: McInerney Homes - Engineering works to raise ground level- sub-committee to look at in detail.

101/10.02 Notice of Refusal of Planning Application have been received for the following:

- A/2010/0155: Mr S Cann, Star House - removal of sloping roof

102/10 Financial Matters

102/10.01 Accounts for payment

- UCCT - Bus Hire - June 2010 - £100.00 & July 2010 - £125.00 - organisation to lower fee to £20 per week from £25, could be reviewed in future if additional users secured.
- Northumberland & Newcastle Society - Annual Membership - £15.00
- Northumberland Estates - Playground Rent - £30.00
- T W Alderson - gardening products - £3.00
- M Evens - gardening July - £632.60
- G Stephenson - gardening July - £200
- J Ayre - gardening July - £670.00
- RoSPA - Addycombe play area inspection - £74.03

102/10.02 Donation Requests: none received

103/10 Seats/Trees

Gardeners have carried out additional flowerbed work to Armstrong Cross area, invoice above - Cragside Estate had donated the plants, extensive work required in bringing up bulbs. Sub-committee to meet to discuss lowering of gardening costs. Gardener G Stephenson has retired, thank you letter to be sent for his services. Tom Mason has provided stone edging to memorial bed, letter of thanks to be sent.

104/10 Paths/Verges

Nothing to report.

105/10 Cyclepath

Correspondence received from NCC regarding 'missing stonework' with pictures enclosed - however still appears to be a shortage, also suggesting site meeting to discuss finished surface, although thought this already decided. Cllr Murray has been approached by personnel asking what the path is and giving adverse reactions to the works.

106/10 Unitary Councillor Report:

- Jacob's Ladder: mess left - NCC to lay proper topsoil and seeding, and posts to be replaced.
- James Brokenshaw MP had visited area after recent events.

107/10 Correspondence

- 107/10.01 RoSPA - Play Area Safety Inspection Report - discussed earlier
- 107/10.02 Northumberland County Council - North Brief - Armstrong celebrations included
- 107/10.03 Parish of Upper Coquetdale - Church Clock chimes - discussed earlier
- 107/10.04 Harry Averley - Council land, Police Houses, copy of letter forwarded to NCC - for information
- 107/10.05 Northumberland County Council- Parish & Town Council Meetings - list of forthcoming dates
- 107/10.06 Doug Metcalf - exposed cable on Blaeberry Hill - Cllr Bridgett has referred matter to NCC
- 107/10.07 Northumberland County Council - Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2011/12 - discussed earlier
- 107/10.08 The Tavistock & Portman NHS Foundation Trust - Trauma service - thanks to be given for information
- 107/10.09 Northumbria Water - sewerage upgrade - for information
- 107/10.10 Robin Murray - allotment - Cllr Dawson has spoken to previous tenant regarding items left at site
- 107/10.11 National Highways & Transport Network Public Representative Survey - Cllr Murray has completed questionnaire on-line
- 107/10.12 NHS North of Tyne - Consultation document - has to be accessed on-line - Cllr Dawson to look at
- 107/10.13 Berwick Project - not of concern to Rothbury PC
- 107/10.14 Proposed closure of Alnwick Magistrate's Court - asking PC to sign petition, to support - Cllr Dawson visited Chairman of Bench and looked at court - is small but everything complies to legislation
- 107/10.15 NCC - Licensing Policy - to support

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- 107/10.16 NCC - Draft Trading Policy licence - to safeguard trader and the public - Cllr Dawson to make comment
- 107/10.17 Community right to build - consultation, comments by 31/8/10
- 107/10.18 NCC - medium term strategy - to access on-line - to respond if for the benefit of Northumberland support it in principal, providing document covers all of Northumberland, however a level of disquiet whether it will actually happen
- 107/10.19 NALC - E-news - available for circulation
- 107/10.20 NALC - AGM 23/10/10, asking for nominations for Alnwick Area Committee place
- 107/10.21 Northumberland Strategic Partnership - Matters Arising newsletter

108/10 Additional Items

- 108/10.01 Journal Extra: Do Parish Council wish to include articles in this publication? Cllr Murray to gain further information. Problems with PC web-site regarding cyber attack.
- 108/10.02 Speed limit Brewery Lane & Addycombe - request to reduce from 30mph to 20mph - procedure on-line where NCC informed and they contact Northumbria Police to monitor the area - Cllr Murray has actioned this. Recent near miss vehicular accident in vicinity of Newcastle Hotel, thought no access sign may have moved.
- 108/10.03 Youth Project: It was decided at June AGM to start gift aid scheme, however take up has only been six persons. Now in situation of less and less funding being available, only way for project to continue is by public donation. There is a community charity shop scheme, however Youth Project had previously looked into this and thought it too great a commitment.
- 108/10.04 RAF Boulmer receiving Freedom of Northumberland - Cllr Dawson to reply.

109/10 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Rothbury Parish Council will be held on 15 September 2010 in the Jubilee Hall commencing 715pm.