

ROTHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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**AGENDA for meeting to be held on Wednesday 10th March 2010
in the Jubilee Hall. Rothbury commencing 715pm**

Apologies for absence

8/10 **Declarations of Interest**

9/10 **Public Questions:** To receive any questions notified by members of the public

0/10 **Minutes of the meeting held 10th February 2010:** To consider any amendments necessary to the minutes

1/10 **Matters Arising**

1/10.01 Crime & Disorder Forum: To receive update on any issues

1/10.02 Rural Transport/Shopper's Group: To receive update on any issues

1/10.03 Play Areas: To receive update on Play Builder project and any other play area issues

1/10.04 Northumberland County Council Local Transport Plan: To discuss West End Chicane rejected project and any other LTP issues

1/10.05 NHS Governor matters: To receive update on any issues

1/10.06 Residential Home: To receive update on project progress

1/10.07 Flooding/Dealing with emergencies: To receive update on any issues

1/10.08 Community Lights Committee: To receive update on any issues

1/10.09 Turks Head Area Gully: to receive update on action by Northumberland County Council

1/10.10 Churchyard Wall: To consider the progress of the wall repair

1/10.11 Quality Parish Council: To discuss newsletter creation

1/10.12 Parish Cluster Forums: To report on recent Parish Cluster Forum

1/10.13 Lord Armstrong Bi-centenary: to receive update on proposed celebrations

1/10.14 War Memorial: to receive update on insurance claim quotation

1/10.15 Road Bridge repairs: to receive update on Northumberland County Council project progress

1/10.16 Future clock expenditure: To discuss future clock repairs that may be required

2/10 **Planning:** To receive notification of any issue, and to consider the Council position

2/10.01 Planning Applications have been received for the following

A/2010/0048: Ms J Sewell, Longframlington - conversion of shop - Swarland Silencer's

2/10.02 Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

A/2009/0389: Mrs M Hedley, Monkseaton - Internal tanking, Thrum Mill

A/2009/0478: Homes for Northumberland - single storey side extension, 31 Addycombe Gardens

A/2009/0533: Mr I Beswick, Newcastle Diocesan - works to trees in rectory

2/10.03 Addycombe Development: To receive notification of any issue

2/10.04 Bridge Street Proposal: To receive notification of any issue

3/10 **Rothbury Plan:** To update on progress for the following projects

3/10.01 Parking

3/10.02 Footpaths

3/10.03 Enhance Public Areas

3/10.04 Additional Street Lighting

3/10.05 Speed Cameras - to discuss speeding plan received

3/10.06 Recycling

3/10.07 Cyclepath

3/10.08 Youth Project

3/10.09 Information Signage

3/10.10 Historical Display

- 4/10 **Financial Matters**
- 4/10.01 Accounts for payment
 - C Miller - quarterly salary & expenses - £893.60
 - Request for Donation - Food & Craft Festival
 - Request for Donation - Mencap
 - Request for Donation - Victim Support
- 4/10.02 Other Financial Matters
- 5/10 **Seats/Trees:** To report on tree Donation and any other seat/tree issues
- 6/10 **Paths/Verges:** To report on any paths/verges issues
- 7/10 **Unitary Councillor Report:**
Coun. Bridgett to update Parish Council on relevant Northumberland County Council matters.
- 8/10 **Correspondence**
- 8/10.01 Northumberland National Park & County JLAF Recruitment Year 8
- 8/10.02 Northumberland County Council- Rothbury Riverside Bridleway
- 8/10.03 City & County - Northumberland & Newcastle Society newsletter
- 8/10.04 North Country Leisure Alnwick - developing sport and physical activity
- 8/10.05 Smith of Derby - newsletter
- 8/10.06 Rural Employability Service - invitation to work web launch
- 9/10 **Urgent Business**
- 0/10 **Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Rothbury Parish Council will be held on 14th April 2010 in the Jubilee Hall Rothbury commencing 715pm

**SCROLL DOWN FOR MINUTES
OF LAST MEETING**

Approved minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 10th February 2010 in the Jubilee Hall. Rothbury commencing 715pm

PRESENT

Cllr C Dawson (Chair)

Cllr H Edes
Cllr P Dawson
Cllr A Fendley
Cllr M Gilson
Cllr T Sandford

In attendance

Cllr S Bridgett (County Cllr)

Apologies for absence Cllr J Reynolds

14/10 **Declarations of Interest.** The Chair to remind 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.

15/10 **Public Questions:** None

16/10 **Minutes of the meeting held 13th January 2010**

It was proposed by Cllr _____ and seconded by Cllr _____ and

IT WAS AGREED that

The minutes of the meeting be adopted.

17/10 **Matters Arising**

17/10.01 **Crime & Disorder Forum**

Next meeting provisional date 20/3/10.

17/10.02 **Rural Transport/Shopper's Group**

Nothing to report.

17/10.03 **Play Areas**

No update on play builder project. Correspondence received from Northumberland County Council (NCC) confirming £10K in budget, stating it would be used for maintenance of riverside area/improvement of play areas - Section 106. Nobody appears to know where 'zip slide' is being stored. McInerney Homes reneging on their play area responsibilities - park building should have begun before last 12 properties erected, however thought dangerous to have park within a 'building site' Woodhorn archives possess ownership details of riverside area reference agreement between Northumberland Estates and Parish Council. Cllr. Dawson and Gilson to discuss riverside area outside of meeting.

17/10.04 **Northumberland County Council Local Transport Plan**

Decision report received from Northumberland County Council (NCC) - Cllr. Dawson proposed arranging a face to face meeting to see if a reasonable solution can be found for West End chicane proposals, agreed. Report said Police had not replied, however police had reported otherwise and outcome could have been different if this so. Coun. Murray recommended councillors peruse NCC information available on their web-site regarding transport issues.

17/10.05 **NHS Governor matters**

Nothing to report.

17/10.06 **Residential Home**

Developers have pulled out due to land issues, however are endeavouring to seek alternative site within Rothbury.

17/10.07 Flooding/Dealing with emergencies

Cheviot Housing have erected storage unit for flood barriers at Armstrong Cottages, and preliminary work has been carried out at Maltings. However last Flood Warden Group Meeting (FWGM) took place 25/11/09, with total non-response since. Northumberland County Council Highway's had replied to FWGM, with action being contrary to what was previously agreed. The Maltings area wall may have to be re-built by the allotments. Further FWGM to be held in next few weeks. Proposed river walk did not take place due to inclement weather.

17/10.08 Community Lights Committee

Social meeting held to thank fire service for their assistance with Christmas lighting - lights not dismantled until 24/1/10 due to adverse weather conditions. Coffee morning scheduled for April, including a display of alternative lighting, and accounts information.

17/10.09 Turks Head Area Gully

Northumberland County Council report area is a priority, however numerous pothole repairs to be carried out first.

17/10.10 Churchyard Wall

Work to be carried out after contractor has fulfilled current work obligations.

17/10.11 Quality Parish Council

Amended agenda and minutes - Some items have sub-item numbering where relevant. Cllr. Fendley prepared to carry out newsletter production if on a rotational basis - may be worthwhile asking for guidance from other Parish Council's on how they distribute their newsletters.

17/10.12 Parish Cluster Forums

Next meeting to be held early March.

17/10.13 Lord Armstrong Bi-centenary

Floral display and schools project to be part of celebration. Cross lighting being researched. History Society have volunteered their services to aid project with Parish Council. Free week of entry at Cragside next week who are to hold an exhibition - thought helpful if trust had forwarded details of this to display in notice board.

17/10.14 War Memorial

Quotation received for railing repairs - to be forwarded to insurance company. Cllr. Dawson has produced approximate plan for pedestrianised area and requires plans to be copied - could cost up to £25, agreed these charges acceptable.

17/10.15 Road Bridge repairs

Drilling works being carried out at bridge taking longer than anticipated due to unforeseen problems. Peter Brewis Northumberland County Council (NCC) to invite local businesses' to a meeting. Bridge Street proposal still floating around - with possibility it could be included in Local Transport Plan. Peter Brewis had sent e-mail regarding possible lighting of bridge, which had been proposed by Parish Council on numerous occasions, but funding could not be secured, would be in excess of £20K. However lighting would help with pedestrian safety, easier for traffic, and provide an amenity for that area. Comments to be forwarded to Peter Brewis.

17/10.16 Future Clock Expenditure

Concern over chimes still out of sync on occasions, and why re-conditioned motor installed. Cllr. Dawson said purely down to cost, each motor has to be wound to suit clock mechanism, with re-conditioned a third of the cost of a new motor constructed. Coun. Dawson to ask W Potts for indication of likely future clock repairs and costs. Cllr Fendley asked if there were sources of funding for public amenities - heritage funding may be a possibility.

18/10 **Planning**

18/10.01 **Planning Applications have been received for the following**

A/2010/0013: Ms L Calvert Steward House - Congregational Hall - wheelchair access

A/2010/0014: Ms L Calvert Steward House - change of use - no parking requirements requested by applicant, Cllr. C Dawson, Morton, Murray & Sandford to look at.

18/10.02 **Notice of Approval of Planning Permission**

A/2009/0451: Mrs J Ludman, National Trust, Scots Gap - bird hide, Cragside Estate

A/2009/0457: Mr R Edes, Haw Hill Cottage, Rothbury - retrospective consent for sun deck

18/10.03 **Addycombe Development**

Cllr. Dawson wished to know when road junctions will eventually be finished and when does a temporary road surface become permanent. Cllr Bridgett reported Northumberland County Council have concerns regarding drains and junction area, and works are to commence April 2010.

18/10.04 **Bridge Street Proposal**

Discussed earlier.

19/10 **Rothbury Plan**

19/10.01 **Parking**

Cllr Murray had received comments about cars parking in bus stop outside Queen's Head, and police need to keep this under control. A car is also regularly being parked on the main road in front of new housing adjacent to Coquetvale Hotel - which has been reported. Previous Police Forum did mention parking outside Queen's Head. Turks Head triangle area also suffers from dangerous car parking at times - comments to be forwarded to police.

19/10.02 **Footpaths**

Nothing to report.

19/10.03 **Enhance Public Areas**

Nothing to report.

19/10.04 **Additional Street Lighting**

Nothing to report.

19/10.05 **Speed Cameras**

Local Transport Plan on Northumberland County Council (NCC) web-site mentions collision hot spots, encourages public to point out areas. There is a Northumberland Road Safety Partnership that provides cameras in other areas who can provide a portable speed camera. Cllr Bridgett has a plan currently at NCC Scrutiny Committee which can fund capital expenditure but not running costs for speed cameras. Local Parish Council's can agree collectively for such cameras to be moved around areas. It was agreed to ask NCC for speed survey - entrances and exits.

19/10.06 **Recycling**

Nothing to report.

19/10.07 **Cyclepath**

Works to commence within next month on Cllr Morton's land. Hedge to be planted with 10 years growth. Horse riders will not be able to access the full cycle path due to riverbank state, path to be stopped next to Cllr Morton's property, then coming around and down whole length of rotten part. Restrictions in place by Natural England.

19/10.08 **Youth Project**

Committee meeting to be held 18/2/10 - as committee members Cllr P Dawson, Edes, Mrs Dawson & Sandford declared an interest. There are approximately 3 months funding left for the project, then downgrading and reduced staffing may have to occur, although several funding applications have been submitted.

19/10.09 **Information Signage**

Nothing to discuss.

19/10.10 **Historical Display**

Nothing to discuss.

20/10 **Financial Matters**

20/10.01 **Accounts for payment**

Coquetdale Amateur Dramatic Society - request for donation - £50 donated 14/1/09 - £75 agreed.
Great North Air Ambulance - request for donation - £150 donated 22/4/09 - agreed to leave until next financial year with £200 to be approved at April meeting
UCCT - January bus - £75.00
Northumberland Estates - Allotment Rent £30.00
Northumberland Estates - Riverside Rent - £50.00

20/10.02 **Other Financial Matters**

21/10 **Seats/Trees**

Tree donee to visit site on Friday. It was agreed to plant replacement at riverside. Riverside area seat by wall in need of attention - gardeners to rectify when they re-commence work. Cllr Edes requested gardeners commence work at beginning of March if Cemetery Superintendent unable to carry out gardening, however Superintendent should be working then (currently on sick leave due to operation). Rothbury House have bulbs ready to re-plant and have suggested planting at both entrances to village. Bulbs have already been planted at Middle School vicinity.

22/10 **Paths/Verges**

Posts and chains at riverside still in need of repair. Cllr Gilson had asked four local builders who are unable to carry out such a minor repair. Stepping Stones to be reinstated eventually. Cllr Gilson dubious whether they should still be there due to flooding problems as they could be raising the water level. Proposed this point be transmitted to appropriate authorities on forthcoming river walk.

23/10 **Unitary Councillor Report**

- Area Group Meeting with relevant departments tram various organisations - police, national parks, animal welfare, homes for Northumberland - anti-social behaviour, dog mess amongst issues discussed.
- Northumberland County Council (NCC) to finalise next financial year budget within coming two weeks.
- Roads and winter services - damage to roads - inspections carried out - the worst road identified in the county is not within Rothbury parish.
- Planned removal of NCC council yard accidentally reported. however NCC are looking for alternative locations in Rothbury.
- Grit bin issue raised - NCC do not have resources to continually monitor bins, however sticker/sign on boxes feasible. Cllr Murray reported personal e-mail received regarding same problem at Blaeberry Hill, and also understood NCC had been adding a type of syrup to grit. Cllr Murray reported NCC policy gives details of ploughing - amounts of snow falling for ploughs to go out and their policy for gritting footpaths. Cllr Bridgett said depending on resources the aim is for town centre's to receive attention; however it cannot be expected that every footpath in Northumberland is attended to.

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24/10 **Correspondence**

- 24/10.01 Clerks & Councils Direct - newsletter - for information
- 24/10.02 Northumberland County Council - minutes Standards (Review) Sub-Committee meeting 19/10/09 - for information
- 24/10.03 P Armstrong Northumberland County Council (NCC) - asking for comments on recent bad weather problems - to comment about the discontinuation of a number to contact for best routes to take in bad weather, unacceptable footpath clearance and grit bin problems. Cllr Dawson had contacted NCC and been told they had no policy for gritting footpaths, and Alnwick District Council also had had no such a policy, however Cllr Dawson believed they had. Cllr Gilson had read NCC policy and it states they will not clear pathways in smaller areas. However Rothbury is held as main shopping centre, and NCC had agreed management had been flawed. Level of grit supplies are at bare minimum with supplies expected but not received.
- 24/10.04 Northumberland County Council - Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Licensing Policy - for information
- 24/10.05 Fruit & Nuts for Alnwick project - Alnwick Area Friends of the Earth - for information
- 24/10.06 Northumberland County Council - North Brief - for information
- 24/10.07 Northumberland County Council - Library Consultative Committees - next date on Parish Council meeting night
- 24/10.08 Steven Bridgett - Bridge Lighting - discussed earlier
- 24/10.09 Northumberland County Council - Adoption of Alnwick Planning for Renewable Energy - for information
- 24/10.10 NSPCC - Child abuse and neglect - notice to be displayed in board

25/10 **Urgent Business**

- Cllr. Murray asked how gravestones can be traced in cemetery - as to whether private grass cutting on top of a specific grave has been carried out. No such arrangements are currently being carried out.

26/10 **Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Rothbury Parish Council will be held on 10th March 2010 in the Jubilee Hall Rothbury commencing 7.15pm

27/10 **Future Meeting Dates:** Following dates for 2010/11 agreed:

2010

March 10th	April 14th	May 12th
June 9th	July 14th	August 18th
September 15th	October 13th	November 10th
December 8th		

2011

January 12th	February 9th	March 9th
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