

THIRLWALL PARISH COUNCIL

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Thirlwall Parish Council

Wednesday 22nd January 2020 held in Gilsland Village Hall at 7.30pm

Meeting started: 19.30. Present: Cllrs B Barwick; S Seymour; P Jameson; J Armstrong (joined 19.33) and County Councillor A Sharp (joined meeting at 19.40) Clerk: Mrs C Jarvis; 13 members of public were present.

15/20	Apologies for absence Cllr P Hunter.
16/20	Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest.
17/20	Planning applications – 19/04875/FUL detached house on former Mart site in Gilsland. Consultation ends 29 th Jan. General opinion: intrusive on other people's property. The planning application for number of houses to be built has grown. There is a concern about safety/access for cars. Comments will be submitted to planners as soon as possible via the formal NCC planning process/portal by the clerk.
18/20	Longbyre Parking – To agree expenditure to investigate feasibility of developing a car park on parish land at Longbyre Proposal – suggest £200 budget to investigate/draw up a plan to see if it is feasible (car parking plus turning area). Aim is to not lose all the land – North end of Longbyre. Estimate: A Armstrong – Walton. No plans were drawn up – just various suggestions in the past. PROPOSED: S Seymour SECONDED: B Barwick
19/20	Longbyre, Stoneybeck – Report on meeting with owners. To agree next steps and expenditure. Cllr A Sharp spoke to planners and Cllr S Seymour spoke to Cartmell Shepherd solicitors and was informed that it would cost a great deal to open a file (e.g. £175 per hour, 4 to 5 hours work as a minimum). A meeting was held with Mr & Mrs Gowans (owners) where Cllrs P Jameson, S Seymour and Cllr A Sharp present on 18/01/20. Constructive discussion – mutual agreement may be possible. Mr Gowans claims support re boundary fence from previous owners. Several people who have lived in the village for many years are sure that the boundary is along the back of the garage and hedge (which has been removed). Various photos to support this were provided by residents. No legal help is provided by Northumberland County Council now to Parish Councils as regards these sorts of dispute. Land Registry – very difficult to see land boundaries as scale is poor. Cllr A Sharp believed that the Gowans would get planning permission for the project. Proposed plan of action: several councillors to go back and explore issue with Gowans. Cllr S Seymour asked about anyone who may have legal expertise in this area. PROPOSED: Cllr S Seymour and SECONDED: Cllr J Armstrong
20/20	Printer/scanner – To agree increased budget for clerk to purchase a colour printer/scanner Lexmark laser, colour printer/scanner will cost TPC £145 (once VAT claimed) - agreed by Councillors. PROPOSED: Cllr S Seymour SECONDED: Cllr B Barwick
	Meeting closed at 20.10 (Next Parish Council Meeting 11 th March 2020 at 7.30pm)

Meeting minutes approved by:

Date: