

**Meeting Minutes of Thirlwall Parish Council held on
Wednesday 8th March 2022 at 7.30pm at Gilsland Village Hall**

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr S Seymour (SS), Cllr J Armstrong (JA), Cllr Mark Barwick (MB) and Cllr P Jameson (PJ) and Cllr A. Sharp

Clerk: Mrs Sue Hatt (SH)

Members of Public Present: GD.

15/22 Apologies for Absence: Cllr E. Guerrero was unable to join on Zoom due to poor internet connection

16/22 Declarations of Interest: None

17/22 Public Questions

No questions were submitted.

18/22 Minutes of the meeting to be approved on: Wednesday 12th January 2022.

UNANIMOUSLY AGREED

19/22 Matters arising from previous minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the current agenda.

Cllr JA asked about clarification on the Planning Application from Ina House.

Action: SH to look into planning application

20/22 Gilsland Matters reports and resolutions arising.

20/22.01 Visit Gilsland – website

Chris Cantrill was unable to attend the meeting but sent councillors his plans for the website, which were discussed. It was agreed that Chris' suggestions would be looked at and that any comments would be sent to him so that he could proceed with the development of the website.

7/22.01 Gilsland Play Area – Repairs and Renewals/updates

Cllr MB is having difficulty finding a contractor to carry out the repairs to the surfacing in the Play Area. SH reported that she had received notification of funding available from Cumbria County Council and that she would present it to the next Upper Denton PC meeting. Cllr AS also suggested that Heather Proudlock be contacted about any Section 106 funding that may be available for Play Areas. It was agreed that a plan for repair and maintenance might assist in getting a contractor to commit to the work. Cllr JA and MB will draw up a list of repairs and maintenance to be carried out so that a bid for funding can be submitted. In the meantime, Cllr SS will talk to Sean about repairing the aerial runway.

**Action: Cllr JA to draw up a list of repairs required
SH, Cllrs SS and JA to apply for funding
Cllr SS to organise repair of aerial runway**

20/22.03 Low bridge at Gilsland

Cllr AS has shared the Advanced Signage for Heavy Commercial Vehicles Feasibility and Options report carried out by Northumberland County Council and is confident that the signage will be approved. He will continue to keep councillors updated.

20/22.04 Bus stop

It was reported that Keith Waugh was struggling to get materials to carry out the work on the windows at the bus stop. Following advice from Alan Armstrong, it was decided that the holes and steps at the front of the bus stop would be repaired when he carried out the rendering for the mosaic project.

UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**20/22.05 Jubilee celebrations**

Andi Keen has provided an update on the events planned for the Jubilee. A scarecrow trail is being planned and there will be a Summer Fair on Saturday 4th June 2022. He has also applied for funding. Cllr AS also offered to contribute to the cost of community events.

20/22.06 Lighting at Irthing Park

Cllr AS is investigating this issue but warned that it would not be an easy matter to resolve.

20/22.07 Highways

Cllr AS reported that the main issues had been resolved, including the gullies at Cartwheels and at the Samson Inn. He is still working on the slow sign at Rosehill, the repair of the fencing between Longbyre and Gilsland and the resealing of the footpaths.

21/22 Longbyre Matters – reports and resolutions arising.**21/22.01 Land at Stoneybeck**

The documents about acquiring Village Status were considered, which would ensure that any further encroachment on the land would be a criminal offence rather than a civil matter. Cllr JA also suggested that the Play Area be included in the application as this would protect the land against any future developments. It was unanimously agreed that an application be submitted, and any costs involved were approved.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Action: Cllr SS and SH to work on the application

1/22.02 Reinstatement of the bridge

This is still being investigated by Cllrs AS and JA. There has been some flooding on the path near the sewerage plant as well as previous flooding affecting residents' cars. Cllr AS will ask Northumbria Water to look into the issue and clear the vegetation that is affecting the flow of the river.

Action: Cllr AS to contact Northumbria Water

22/22 Planning Applications

22/22.01 21/04389/FUL – Construction of a single storey extension to the south and west elevations - (Revision of approval 21/01743/FUL) Location Ina House Gilsland Brampton Northumberland CA8 7EB - **refused**

23/22 Financial and Administration Matters

23/22.01 Bank Reconciliation and Accounts for Payments as of 1st March 2022 – Appendix 1

23/22.02 Income and expenditure as of 1st March 2022 – Appendix 2

Both financial reports were scrutinised and approved unanimously.

23/21.03 The VAT refund has been received.

23/21.04 The charges made by the HSBC Bank were discussed and SH informed the councillors that she had written to the bank to complain about the new costs. It was agreed that SH look at possible alternative for the future.

24/22 Correspondence**24/22.01 Northumberland Local Plan –**

This was noted and Cllr AS explained that much weight is being given to Neighbourhood Plans. Thirlwall Parish Council Local Plan has never been completed and the County Council will send someone out to discuss the possibilities for the locality. It was suggested that the Village Meeting this year could be focussed on the local plan. It was agreed to invite a Planning Officer to the July meeting to address the issues. Cllr As agreed to help organise the visit and will also get permission to share the Haydon Bridge Plan with councillors.

Action: Cllr AS to assist in organising a visit in July

25/22 Haltwhistle and District Joint Burial Council

Cllr AS reported that all precepts have been paid and that works have been carried out on the gates at Greenhead, as well as in Haltwhistle. 2022 precepts have been sent out and the first instalment is due in May. The next meeting is on the 31st of March 2022 at Greenhead Village Hall.

Action: SH to pay precept before May meeting

26/22 Matters for the next agenda and any other business:

26/22.01 Northumberland Cycle and Walking Infrastructure: This was noted.

Action: Cllr SS to look at report and respond.

27/21 Dates and time of next meeting

Annual Parish Council meeting followed by Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 11th May 2022 at Gilsland Village Hall.

ALL WELCOME (please keep an eye on Thirlwall PC website: www.visitgilsland.org.uk)

Future meetings:

- Wednesday 13th July 2022 at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 14th September 2022 at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 7.30pm

Meeting concluded at 8.55pm.