

**Meeting Minutes of Thirlwall Parish Council held on
Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7.50pm at Gilsland Village Hall**

Meeting commenced at 7.50pm.

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

Clerk: Mrs Sue Hatt (SH)

Members of Public Present: GD, JD, PR, HR

1/22 Election of Officers:

Election of Chair: Sue Seymour **proposed:** Cllr PJ **seconded:** Cllr MB

Election of Vice-Chair: Judith Armstrong **proposed:** Cllr SS **seconded:** Cllr PJ

Election of representative for the Haltwhistle and District Joint Burial Committee:

In her absence, Cllr AS reported that he had spoken to Cllr JA about continuing as HDJBC representative and she had agreed.

HDJBC representative: Judith Armstrong **proposed:** Cllr MB **seconded:** Cllr SS

2/22 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Emma Guerrero, Cllr Judith Armstrong

3/22 Declarations of Interest: None

4/22 Public Questions

No questions were submitted.

5/22 Minutes of the meeting to be approved on: Wednesday 8th March 2022.

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6/22 Matters arising from previous minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the current agenda.

None

7/22 Gilsland Matters reports and resolutions arising.

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

Cllr MB reported that no progress had been made in finding a contractor to carry out the repairs to the Play Park and that he was struggling to get quotes for the equipment. The signs still need to be put up by Cllr PJ. Cllr SS has asked Sean Glenton from the Cemetery staff to check the aerial runway and make sure that the break works correctly. Cllr AS reminded the councillors that Heather Proudlock could be contacted about any Section 106 funding that may be available for Play Areas.

**Action: SH to forward any emails about providers
Cllr SS to organise repair of aerial runway**

7/22.02 Parking at the Play Park

Cllr EG suggested that signs should be put up on the approach of the Play park to prevent people from blocking the access for residents and emergency vehicles. She suggested the wording that might be used on the signs and the councillors approved it. Cllr PJ would liaise with Cllr EG about getting the signs made up.

Cllr AS advised the councillors to inform the Riversdale residents of the signage before putting up the signs. Cllr SS offered to help with informing residents.

Action: SH to feed back to Cllr EG about decision

7/22.03 Visit Gilsland website

No further progress made. SH will get an update on the situation from Chris Cantrill.

Action: SH to email Chris Cantrill about progress

7/22.04 Low bridge at Gilsland

Cllr AS reported that there had been little change in the project and said that Cumbria had not yet become involved. Better signage will be of great benefit to Gilsland but progress is slow.

7/22.05 Bus stop – Access and safety

Repairs to the bus stop and its access have been carried out and safety has been greatly improved. No further action needed.

7/22.06 Jubilee celebrations

Information about Jubilee events were shared with the councillors and Cllr AS informed everyone that the Jubilee organisers had received funding from Northumberland County Council and his own fund, as well as a personal donation. Amanda Drago has asked for a couple of volunteers from the Parish Council for the Lantern Parade on Thursday 2nd June, as part of the Jubilee celebrations. Cllr SS and Cllr PJ agreed to help out.

7/22.07 Highways

Cllr AS reported that the main issues had been resolved, including the drainage issues and the fencing between Longbyre and Gilsland. He was still working on the “slow” signs and the “children playing” sign for the Rosehill estate. Cllr EG asked for an email from Mrs. Maureen Morano at Station House to be discussed. It relates to the fence between her property and the Play park which needs replacing. The councillors agreed to meet up at the location to see the fence in question before making a decision.

Action: All councillors to investigate matter

8/22 Longbyre Matters – reports and resolutions arising.**8/22.01 Land at Stoneybeck**

No progress has been made on securing Village Green Status for the Play Park and land at Longbyre. Cllr SS and SH to organise a meeting to complete the application.

Action: Cllr SS and SH to work on the application

8/22.02 Reinstatement of the bridge

Cllr AS will find out about the location of the bridge and if it can be reinstated.

Action: Cllr AS to contact Northumbria Water

8/22.03 Defibrillator at Longbyre

Charles Whittle has requested some items for the defibrillator unit at Longbyre. Replacement Pads can be sourced from Webnos by SH but other items will need to be ordered from a first aid website (FirstAid4less. co.uk or firstaidwarehouse. co.uk) so it was agreed that an account be created to buy the necessary items.

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Action: SH to set up an account for supplies

9/22 Planning Applications**9/22.01 22/00852/FUL Replacement Garage and Garden Room Location Ina House Gilsland Northumberland CA8 7EB**

After discussion with the owners, Cllr JA is satisfied with the planning application. However, there are still concerns about the garage being bigger than the original, although the planning states that the building will be “like for like”. The application is also misleading because there was no garden room before and the councillors were worried that the building might be used as a business. It was unanimously agreed to raise the Parish Council’s concerns in a letter to the planning department.

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Action: SH to amend the letter for approval

9/22.02 22NP0033: Construction of single storey extension at Warcar Farm, Greenhead, Northumberland, CA8 7HY – no objections.

9/22.03 22/01067/FUL Single storey side extension Location Wall End Farm Greenhead Northumberland CA8 7HN – no objections.

9/22.04 22/00638/FUL Construction of a single storey side and rear extension, porch to front and loft conversion with balconies to rear Location Glengarth Gilsland Brampton Northumberland CA8 7DX – no objections.

10/22 Financial and Administration Matters

10/22.01 Bank Reconciliation and Accounts for Payments as of 1st May 2022 – Appendix 1

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10/22.02 Income and expenditure as of 1st May 2022 – Appendix 2

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

10/21.03 Budget 2022-2023. This was presented and scrutinised.

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10/21.04 AGAR and Audit documents – these were presented and scrutinised.

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10/22.05 National Salary Ward for Clerks – the hourly rates for clerks pay have been raised. The new rates were accepted.

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11/22 Correspondence

11/22.01 Northumberland Local Plan –

The Northumberland Local Plan has been accepted and there were no real changes for Thirlwall Parish. It was proposed that a Neighbourhood Plan could be drawn up for Gilsland, in collaboration with the two Cumbrian Parishes. Cllr AS proposed that David English or Sarah Brannigan should be invited to speak on the subject at the July meeting. Cllr AS also indicated that Gill Cowell would come to a meeting to discuss broadband and mobile signal in the village at a future meeting, possibly at a future Village meeting.

Action: SH to organise a visit for the July meeting

12/22 Haltwhistle and District Joint Burial Council

Cllr AS reported that business was carrying on as usual. There were financial concerns as more people are opting to be cremated rather than buried but that this is not yet affecting the work of the HDJBC.

13/22 Matters for the next agenda and any other business:

14/22 Dates and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th July 2022 at Gilsland Village Hall.

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

Future meetings:

- 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 9.15pm.