

**Approved Meeting Minutes of Thirlwall Parish Council held on
Wednesday 25th January 2023 at 7.30pm at Gilsland Village Hall**

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr S Seymour (SS), Cllr Mark Barwick (MB), Cllr Emma Guerrero (EG) and Cllr A. Sharp (AS)

Clerk: Mrs Sue Hatt (SH)

Members of Public Present: SM, DA

1/23 Welcome and Apologies for Absence: Cllr SS welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Paul Jameson (PJ).

2/23 Declarations of Interest: Cllr JA declared an interest in the Planning Applications item.

2/23 Public Questions

No questions were submitted.

4/23 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting and the Joint Parish Councils meeting both held on Wednesday 9th November 2022 were approved:

UNANIMOUSLY AGREED

5/23 Matters arising from previous minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the current agenda.

None that were not on the agenda.

It was agreed to discuss Planning Applications first as a member of Addis Town Planning Ltd was present for that section.

8/23 Planning Applications

8/23.01 23/04331/FUL The retrospective planning application relating to North View was discussed. Cllr JA outlined the background to the application, explaining that when the building work to convert the garage into a holiday let was undertaken, residents had been assured that no planning permission was required. They were assured that the building would be obtrusive and be in keeping with the area. When further planning applications in the area were made, the development was queried, and it was found that it did in fact need planning permission. During COVID, the holiday let was not in regular use but since restrictions have been lifted, it now impacts on residents' privacy, outlook and the general tranquillity of the area. In addition, the overall appearance of the building does not complement the character or setting of the area.

Having shared her concerns, Cllr JA left the room.

The councillors discussed the matter further and Cllr AS pointed out that any objections should relate directly to planning concerns. It was agreed unanimously to write to the Planning Department about the issue of privacy of residents and the concerns over the overall appearance of the building which does not, in their opinion, respect the local character and distinctiveness of the area.

Action: SH to draft a letter to the Planning Department

6/23 Gilsland Matters reports and resolutions arising.

6/23.01 Gilsland Play Area – Repairs and Renewals/updates.

The Annual Report was given to Cllrs JA and MB for follow-up repairs to be carried out. Stephen Ferguson has been asked for a quote to carry out the work on the basketball area.

The lights for the Play Area were discussed and agreed upon, so SH will send all the paperwork to Sarah Hudson to secure the grant from Cllr AS for the lights. SH to organise purchase of the solar lights.

Action: SH to send quotes to Cllr AS

6/23.02 Visit Gilsland website

Unfortunately, Chris Cantrill will no longer be able to carry out the work on the new website so SH will investigate other providers for the 3 parishes.

Action: SH to find out about website options

6/23.03 Neighbourhood Plan and village meeting

Cllr EG will contact Cllr TG from Upper Denton PC to look at existing Neighbourhood Plan and take it forward. She will report back at the next meeting.

6/23.04 Samson Inn Community Asset

The Samson Inn has been declared a community asset and valuations are being sought for the property. Negotiations are ongoing between the owners and the steering committee. Cllr AS reported that there had been a social event before Christmas and there was great interest in the project, although the momentum has to be maintained. The document about the shares will be presented in March.

6/23.05 Wall, vegetation, and tree opposite Crantock road end

There has been concern expressed about the collapse of a wall opposite Crantock road end but it was agreed that as it was private land, this will need to be dealt with by Highways. Cllr AS will contact the owners.

6/23.06 Highways

Cllr AS reported that there might be further timber extractions from Crammel Linn. The potholes at Sansom Bank were done before Christmas, the Samson Bridge signage will go up in 2023 and the footpaths will be slurry sealed this year.

7/23 Longbyre Matters – reports and resolutions arising.

7/23.01 Land at Stoneybeck

More information about the task of registering the Village Green and the Play Area has been received from Open Spaces and a meeting will be held on 17th February at Blacksmith Barn to continue the process.

Action: SH to meet with Cllrs SS and JA

7/23.02 Reinstatement of the bridge

The work to reinstate the bridge at Longbyre will take place when the weather improves. The invoice will be sent to SH for payment when the job has been completed.

9/23 Financial and Administration Matters

9/23.01 Income and expenditure as of 1st January 2023 – Appendix 1

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9/23.02 Bank Reconciliation and Accounts for Payments as of 1st January 2023 – Appendix 2

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9/23.03 Precept 2023-2024 – It was agreed that the precept would remain the same.

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10/23 Correspondence

10/23.01 Enforcement Strategy Consultation – this was noted.

10/23.02 Tree preservation at Wardrew Manor House, Gilsland – there were no objections to the TPO's being placed on the trees near Wardrew Manor. It was reported that the footpath signs in the area had been removed, so Cllr AS will contact National Parks about the issue.

11/23 Haltwhistle and District Joint Burial Council

SH reported that she had received the annual Budget Levy Calculations. The increase was questioned, and Cllr MB explained the increase in costs. Nothing further to report.

12/23 Matters for the next agenda and any other business:

None

13/23 Dates and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8th March 2023 at Gilsland Village Hall at 7.30pm .**

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

Future meetings:

- Wednesday 10th May 2023 following the AGM.
- Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 13th September 2023 at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 7.30pm

Proposed Meetings for 2024

- Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 8th May 2024 - Annual Meeting at 7pm followed by normal Parish Council Meeting at 8pm
- Wednesday 10th July 2024 at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 11th September 2024 at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 7.30pm

Meeting concluded at 9.10pm