

**Minutes of Rothbury Parish Council Ten Year Plan meeting held on Monday 4th November 2013 in the Jubilee Hall
Rothbury commencing 7pm**

Apologies for Absence Cllr Bridgett

Those Present: Cllr Fendley (Chairman), Cllr Reynolds, Cllr Mrs Dawson, Cllr Mrs Edes, Cllr Mrs Walklett,
Cllr Roberts, two members of the public

Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

Public Questions

There were no public questions.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record

Cllr Reynolds had compiled historical information that had now been achieved, and projects to consider, as follows:

Projects 2007

- Original townfoot improvements were concerning War Memorial and Armstrong Cross, with works carried out through funding. With ongoing damage occurring to green railings, alternative improvements could be added to ten year plan.
- Improvements to churchyard had been carried out through funding.
- Footpath/signposts: improvements to footpath to hospital carried out. Cllr Reynolds had spoken to NCC officer regarding footpath concerns within Rothbury. Footpath to Craggside and Armstrong Park still very dangerous.
- Youth project ongoing, members of PC do sit on management committee, however funding does run out March 2014.
- Enhancing public areas: This item to be kept on plan indefinitely.
- Additional street lighting: NCC had placed new lamps on bridge.
- Speed cameras: ongoing.
- Parking: ongoing.
- Haugh land: possibility PC could utilise this land, had tried unsuccessfully to secure a long lease, Northumberland Estates only prepared to offer 15 year lease.
- Sport and recreation: do get funding opportunities for sport.
- Jubilee Hall: all aims achieved.
- Local heritage centre: Successful centre previously housed at National Parks office. Attempts by Rector to look at whole notion of heritage. Cllr Reynolds to publish information regarding the history of Rothbury and PC may wish to assist with this.
- Recycling: maintenance costs too high for access road.
- Cyclepath to Thropton: does stop at Lady's Bridge due to landowners not giving permission.

Projects to consider 2013

- Allotments: Do pay rent for land down to Lady's Bridge, however not suitable for allotments. Haugh land could be a possibility.
- Road crossing at memorial: It was thought plans from NCC may have been approved.
- Townfoot improvements: Area from Providence Lane.
- History/geography signage: Linked in with footpaths/parking.
- Enhance public areas: Riverside WC's – update on toilet block at riverside required.
- Churchyard: Rector leading proposals, seminar information passed to Cllr Reynolds by gardener, who is keen to see changes happen in churchyard.
- Bus shelter: assured by Cllr Bridgett cost is the reason holding up action.

- Enhance village green: Erosion near to kerbs due to cars parking, rough estimates received. Agreed to leave until parking issues resolved. Not responsible for greens at Parish Hall, Shellrigg House or area near to church noticeboard. Land at Beggar's Rigg to follow up.
- Update design statement: Able to use existing at planning decisions, gazette article stating 380 new houses to be built in Rothbury and proposed areas include East of Lordenshaw, Whitton View and field near to Coquetvale. Local Development Plan to be looked at.
- WWI Remembrance: Plans to commemorate underway by Rector and local British Legion. Names on War Memorials in Coquetdale had been registered and traced as far as possible, those engaged in war who had lived in Coquetdale will be the subject of a booklet distributed free to households. War Memorial could be illuminated.
- Speed camera: Volunteers monitoring areas, interactive signage could be possible.
- Parking: NCC policy of free parking at Haugh to hopefully be endorsed at full PC meeting next week.
- Bridge Street footpath widening: Cllr Reynolds to prepare information.
- Sport and Recreation: Haugh land a possibility. Issues with Whitton View play area, park material has health concerns and planting long-term effect, being large trees.
- New riverside WC's: Previous discussion involved moving facilities to other side on Haugh land.
- Heritage Centre: linked with discussions of Rector. Big issue being location of centre.
- Cyclepath to Thropton: original intention to go to Thropton. Beggars Rigg footpath discussed, residents previously asked to give permission to walk on their land, however not given, also subject of chicane with public vote of 30 people historically carried out.
- Whitton View Footpath widening: Path past Recreation Club, priority preference/chicane.
- Footpath to Craggside: path can be created inside walls, Cllr Reynolds to create proposals.
- Further items can be added to Ten Year Plan.
- Individual Cllrs to be involved in certain projects.

Member of the public had concerns regarding speeding/parking problems and anticipated additional housing.

The next meeting of the Ten Year Plan was agreed as Thursday 6th February 2013 in the Parish Hall commencing 7pm.