

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
in the Chatton Village Hall Chatton Commencing at 19.00**

**Present:** Chairman J Railton Vice-Chairman M Strother  
Parish Councillors: R Tebay P Dodds S Dodds A Wrangham T Cairns & M Govett  
County Councillor A. Murray  
Clerk I Hunter  
6 Members of the public  
PC Curtis Ritchie  
John Butler

**Public Question time:** - None

The Chairman asked for Agenda No 8 to be the first item to be discussed, this was agreed.

**Min 1262- Chatton Speed Reduction-** The Chairman welcomed John Butler.

John Butler explained that the Chatton Community Speed Watch Group are active about 3 times a week, stating the data is forwarded on to the police as some people are driving through Chatton in the high 30's and 40's mph. PC Richie informed the meeting that people driving over 40 mph receive a visit from the police. He went on to say that more volunteers for the Community Speed Watch would be welcomed. Parish Councillor T Cairns informed the meeting that his group had completed a 30-day rough survey on the traffic flow: he hoped to collate the information in time for the September meeting. Parish Councillors asked the Clerk to contact Neil Snowdon at Northumberland County Council to obtain copies of data that Northumberland County Council have gathered over the recent years from data strips which were placed on the Main Road through Chatton.

The Chairman asked about the relocation of the 30mph sign at the east end of Chatton. John Butler suggested that the moving of the sign would slow traffic down and advised the meeting that Northumberland County Council have suggested the proposed distance is too far from the properties, however, in other local villages the 30mph signs are further from properties than that proposed in Chatton. He also raised concerns that the original cost to move the sign was approx. £1500 and now the proposed costs are £3500- £4000. PC Ritchie said the police would support the relocation of the signs as an option to slow down drivers. Parish Councillors agreed to support the relocation of the 30mph sign and asked County Councillor A. Murray to continue to work on this subject as well as ask for a breakdown of the costs and an explanation for the increase in costs. Parish Councillor R Tebay advised the meeting that when the speed warning sign was erected at the west end of the village the Parish Councillors agreed to monitor it for a year or two and then consider purchasing a sign for the east end of the village. Parish Councillors agreed to progress the relocation of the 30mph sign, and would consider making a financial contribution in the future if it was necessary to complete the project. Then the Parish Council would consider the purchasing of a speed warning sign for the east end of the village. Parish Councillors asked PC Ritchie to find out what the criteria is to get a camera van to visit Chatton

John Butler & PC Ritchie left the meeting at that point

**Apologies for Absence:** None

**Min 1263- Parish Council Vacancies-** Parish Councillors considered the written applications received from:

Tony Hume  
Mark Hunter  
Henry Prytherch  
Susan Coulson  
Tracie Faa-Thompson  
Bryony Stimpson

The Chairman welcomed Tony Hume, Henry Prytherch, Susan Coulson, & Bryony Stimpson and thanked them for attending.

The Chairman asked the applicants present if they would like to add anything to their application's. Each of the applicants' said a few words as to why they wished to become Parish Councillors.

Parish Councillors agreed to accept all applicants as there were 6 applications for 6 seats. It was agreed to allocate the applicants to the following Wards

Tony Hume-	Lilburn
Mark Hunter-	Chatton
Henry Prytherch-	Lilburn
Susan Coulson-	Chillingham
Tracie Faa-Thompson-	Hetton
Bryony Stimpson-	Chatton

It was agreed all candidates would receive an e-mail on 17<sup>th</sup> August to confirm they will become Parish Councillors at the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September where they will sign their Declaration of Acceptance forms. Candidates present received their paperwork.

**Declaration of Interest:** None

**Request for Dispensation:** None

**Min 1264- Tillside Parish Council Logo-** It was agreed to defer this to the September meeting and the Chairman to circulate the 7 designs ahead of the meeting.

**Min 1265- Planning Application-**

17/02368/FUL- Re-submission: Construction of a timber framed, timber clad annexe with 1 bedroom, 1 kitchen/living room, 1 bathroom and mezzanine study- Shielhope Cottage, Chatton, Northumberland NE66 5RE- *Parish Councillors agreed to object to the application on the following grounds:*

- 1. The increase in size of the proposed development- which for all intent is a third dwelling at Shielhope, will lead to additional traffic on the Reddish Lonnen which is the access road. This road is not suitable for additional traffic. If the development is approved the Parish Council would like the installation of passing places to be a condition.*
- 2. The Parish Council would wish ' the annexe ' to be built with stone and slate to be in keeping with the other buildings at Sheilhope.*

3. *The PC consider this is over-development for this small holding.*
4. *The style of this development is likely to conflict with the forthcoming Tillside Neighbourhood Plan.*

*Parish Councillors asked County Councillor A. Murray to ask for the Application to be heard at Committee.*

17/02291/OUT- Outline Application – demolish existing shed and replace with a detached 4-bedroom family dwelling, including accompanying parking, landscaping, gardens and other ancillary works- Land North West of The Percy Arms Chatton Northumberland *Parish Councillors agreed to support this application.*

**Min 1267 (Min 1245) - The Neighbourhood Plan-** The Chairman informed the meeting that he had drafted a response to the Steering Group's letter which has been circulated, and asked Parish Councillors for comments. Parish Councillor M Govett stated that the Parish Council have not received enough information and the information received has little substance. She also stated that Parish Councillors have not had enough involvement within the process and that Parish Councillors need to be involved, because when the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted, then the Parish Council will be responsible for it in years to come. The Parish Council Chairman is the person who signed the application form. She concluded by saying she has raised several questions which in her opinion require answers before she can agree to the Parish Council sending a letter of support to the Steering Group. The Vice-Chairman stated there had been a lack of communication from both sides. Parish Councillor A. Wrangham, Steering Group Chair informed the meeting that the Parish Council had been kept informed, but felt there had been apathy & opposition from the Parish Council. The Steering Group has started to speak to large landowners in Tillside about their future plans, and Northumberland Estates were one of them. She went on to say because of the current situation there is no longer a Project Manager as R Tebay has both resigned from the position, as well as being a member of the Steering Group. She concluded by saying the Steering Group are looking for support from the Parish Council before they are to continue. Parish Councillor R Tebay informed the meeting that at the beginning they were told the it could be difficult as there was not unanimous support from the Parish Council. However, the public support was enough to encourage them to start the process of preparing a plan. He went on to say the plan is a land based planning process and will be a legal document, so they need to speak to developers as we need to plan for the future. He concluded by saying he was in agreement with most of the points raised by Parish Councillor M Govett in her recent e-mail. The Chairman stated that priorities for development should be considered before speaking to Northumberland Estates. It was agreed that the next steps are a letter of support from the Parish Council to the Steering Group, which the Steering Group will then consider their next steps.

Parish Councillor A. Wrangham & 2 members of the public left the meeting at that point.

Parish Councillors agreed the Chairman draft a response to be sent to A Wrangham Chair of the Steering Group, which will be a precis, of the Chairman's draft and to include some of the points raised in the recent e-mail from Parish Councillor M Govett. The response to be agreed by all Parish Councillors.

It was agreed to defer further discussions until the September meeting.

**Min 1268- River Till-** Parish Councillors considered the e-mail from John Lovett, previously circulated, regarding lobbying Northumberland County Council and the Environment Agency regarding to works to be carried out on the River Till to alleviate possible flooding. It was agreed this is a technical report and agreed to provide a letter of support from the Parish Council regarding any works which would reduce flooding problems to properties within the Parish. The Clerk to draft a letter to be agreed by the Chairman. It was agreed the Parish Council are not the appropriate organisation to undertake any lobbying work.

**Any Other Urgent Business.**

**Min 1269- Barmoor Windfarm -** Parish Councillor M Govett advised the meeting that she has been the Parish Council representative on the panel for the last 2-3 years, and would now like to resign from the position. She went on to say the panel meets twice a year to allocate funding. She concluded by saying the only stipulation to be a member is you should live within the 5k zone. but certainly within 10km. Parish Councillors agreed to defer this to the September meeting.

**Min 1270- Broadband-** Parish Councillor R Tebay asked for this to be added to the September Agenda on the condition John Cooper or a member of iNorthumberland can attend the meeting. This was agreed.

**Date of the next Parish Council Meeting:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm

The Chairman, Parish Councillors P Dodds, S Dodds & M Govett submitted apologies for September meeting.

Agenda Items for September meeting must be received by 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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