

**Minutes of the Meeting of Tillside Parish Council
On Thursday 12th September 2013 in the Chatton Village Hall Chatton
Commencing at 19.30**

Present: Chairman Mrs M. Govett, Vice-Chairman M Strother,
Parish Councillors, D Ord Mrs. D Pardoe J Railton J Jeffreys Mrs S Dodds, Mrs S Davidson
P Dodds, R Tebay & A Mills.
County Councillor A Murray
Clerk I Hunter
2 Members of the public

The Chairman welcomed the new Parish Councillors to Tillside Parish Council.

Public Question time: - No questions

Belford Burn Application- 13/02050/RENEIA- The construction, 25 year operation and subsequent decommissioning of a wind farm consisting of up to nine wind turbines, each up to 100 metres in height to blade tip, including turbine transformers. Turbine foundations, crane hard standings, a series of on-site tracks connecting the turbines, new water crossings, underground cables, an on-site substation, a new site access onto B6349 and a temporary construction compound- Land North of Belford Burn C39 Hazelrigg to Belford Moor Junction Belford Northumberland.

The Chairman asked the members to agree to bring the Belford Burn Windfarm Application to the start of the meeting as Malcolm Stanton from Middleton Burn Action Group (MBAG) was in attendance to speak on this matter: this was agreed. Malcolm Stanton addressed the meeting giving the MBAG's opinion on the proposed windfarm and tabled information. The members considered the application and unanimously agreed to object to the application on the following grounds: impact on tourism, impact on natural views, cumulative impact and the effect on wildlife. It was agreed the Clerk draft a response and circulate it for members to agree.

Apologies for Absence: Mark Hunter & PC Lynn

Declaration of Interest: None

Updates from the Community Police Officer- The Clerk read out a report she had received from PC Mark Lynn: On **18/7/13** a worker from Lilburn Estates saw 2 men acting suspiciously at a fuel tank on Lilburn Hill Farm.
Police were called and the men stop/searched. No offence had taken place at that time so the men were released.
This type of crime remains a problem on a National basis and we would always encourage the Community to ring us if they see anything out of the ordinary.

During daytime hours on **19/8/13** someone broke into an outbuilding at Hepburn Farm. Fuel and farm equipment were stolen. No one was seen and this crime remains undetected.

On **4/9/13** an outbuilding on Chillingham Newton was found to have had the padlock cut off. Nothing was stolen. This is also undetected.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th July 2013 previously circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising- None

Min 777 (Min759)-Parish Council Vacancies- There is still 1 vacancy for Chillingham Ward and 1 vacancy for Lilburn Ward. Parish Councillor J Railton questioned a husband and wife being on the same Parish Council, but was advised that if a person meets the requirements to be a Parish Councillor then it does not matter if their spouse is already a member of the Parish Council, members also stated that P Dodd's request to become a Parish Councillor was agreed at the July Parish Council meeting. Parish Councillor J Railton proposed Mrs A Wrangham join the Parish Council to represent Lilburn Ward the meeting agreed to accept Mrs A Wrangham on to Tillside Parish Council. The Clerk agreed to send the paperwork to Mrs A Wrangham.

Min 778- Conclusion of Annual Audit- The Clerk reported that there were no issues raised by the External Auditor for the Year ending March 2013, which means the Annual Audit has now been completed.

Min 779- Financial Statement

• Bank Balance	£ 10010.69	
Including	£ 339.82	Future Projects Fund
	£ 125.00	Ex Football Club
	£ 9545.87	Parish Council Balance

Min 780– Accounts for Payment-

• Community First	£ 77.60	Additional Premium
• Mrs E I Hunter	£ 192.00	Clerk's Salary
• Mrs E I Hunter	£ 20.00	Petty Cash
• HMRC	£ 48.00	PAYE
• Northumberland County Council	£ 252.00	6 cuts of School Field
Clarification required before payment to be made		
• Northumberland Estates	£ 100.00	Annual Rent -Allotments

Min 781- Planning Approval

13/02117/DISCON - Removal of conditions 3 and 4 relating to planning permission 13/00463/LBC (Listed building consent to dismantle 3 no. stone multi-flue chimney stacks and rebuild to exact coursing in ashlar stone) 4-9 Bank Top Chillingham Alnwick NE66 5NG

Min 782- Correspondence:

- **NCC**-Letter Re Dog Fouling
- **N Estates**- Reply to letter
- **ISOS**- Reply to letter
- **Community First**- revised documents
- **Blue Energy**- Reply to letter
- **Tweed Forum**- Newsletter
- **Clerk's & Councils Direct**- Newsletter

Min 783- Local Transport Plan 2014/15- The Clerk advised the meeting that the Parish Council have to agree their 3 top priorities for the Local Transport Plan for 2014/15, this can include resurfacing roads, pavements works and Street Lighting etc. The meeting agreed that the following should be the Parish Council's priorities:

1. The road from Chatton to the A697 via Lilburn Grange to Ilderton white bridge needs resurfacing
2. The Fowberry Moor Road needs resurfacing
3. The Chillingham Bank needs resurfacing
4. The drains on the side of the road in the Spylaw area are broken, which means the road in this area floods when it rains.

Min 784 (Min 768) - Website- The Clerk tabled an e-mail from Glendale Gateway Trust requiring information to allow them to prepare a draft template. The Chairman and Parish Councillor R Tebay agreed to work on this matter.

Min 785 (Min769)- Speed Warning Sign- The Vice-Chairman informed the meeting that a sign would cost between £3,800 & £6000. County Councillor A Murray agreed to make a contribution of £2000 from his Small Grants Scheme funding. The meeting agreed the Vice-Chairman obtain a quote for 1 sign complete with post and one additional post. The meeting also agreed that this could be a project progressed through a Village Group, and apply to the Wind Farm Community Project Fund.

Min 786 (Min 770)- Cricket Pitch/ Football Field- Parish Councillor R Tebay informed the meeting that the Cricket Club would pay the £125 per year rent for this area after the funding from the Football Club has been used. The Clerk informed the meeting that there is one year's rent left in the Bank Account from the Football Club.

Min 787 (Min 772)- Percy Arms- Parish Councillor J Railton asked the Clerk to write to the Highways Department of Northumberland County Council on this matter again, as Northumbrian Water have confirmed it is not their problem. This was agreed. Parish Councillors also raised concerns about flooding at the gates of the Big House in Chatton, the chevron area near the Cricket Pitch and at Spylaw. The Clerk agreed to also report these to the Highways Department of Northumberland County Council.

Min 788- Village Signs- Parish Councillor J Railton informed the meeting that the directional sign for Chillingham situated in Chatton heading towards Wooler needs to be relocated as drivers are turning into the Mill Hill development. The meeting agreed that the Clerk should write to the Highways Department of Northumberland County Council.

Min 789 (Min 773)- Wandy law & Middle Moor Wind Farms- Parish Councillor R Tebay proposed and the Chairman seconded Parish Councillor J Railton continue working on how the Community Funds can be accessed. This was agreed

Min 790 (Min 771) - Northumberland Estates-The Clerk read the reply from Colin Barnes. The meeting agreed the Clerk write to Colin Barnes and ask for the S106 to be progressed for the School field and raise concerns about the weeds and the poor state of maintenance on the Mill Hill site. The meeting also considered the reply regarding the state of the Back Lane behind West End Chatton and agreed that Parish Councillor J Railton verbally report back to the residents that in their letter, Northumberland Estates deny responsibility for repairs, and suggesting that residents may wish to individually or collectively examine their deeds with a view to taking this up directly with Northumberland Estates.

Any Other Business.

Min 791- Planning- Parish Councillor J Railton advised the meeting that the Conservation Officer is proposing to refuse the following application: 13/02004/LBC- Listed Building Consent -Remove existing windows and doors and replace with new to incorporate energy efficiency with the introduction of glazing units and insulation panels– 4-9 Bank Top Chillingham Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5NG. Parish Councillors agreed to write another letter of support this application and the Parish Council will speak at the North Area Planning Committee

Min 792 (Min766)- Grass Cutting- Parish Councillor D Ord informed the meeting that the school field had only been cut twice before the Flower Festival by Northumberland County Council. The meeting agreed that the Clerk obtain dates when the School Field was cut before agreeing to pay the Invoice, which is for 6 cuts.

Meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

Date of November Meeting: Thursday 14th November at 7.30p.m.

Agenda Items must be received by 4th November