

**Minutes Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 in the Chatton Village Hall Chatton  
Commencing at 19.30**

**Present:** Chairman Mrs M. Govett, Vice-Chairman M Strother  
Parish Councillors J Jeffreys, J Railton Mrs S Dodds, D Ord, D Pardoe Mrs A Wrangham  
M Hunter P Dodds, T Mills R Tebay  
Clerk I Hunter

**Public Question time:** - No questions

**Apologies for Absence:** Parish Councillor Mrs S Davidson  
County Councillor A Murray

**Declaration of Interest:** None

**Min 925 (Min907) - Neighbourhood Plan** –Parish Councillor Mrs A Wrangham tabled copies of background to a Neighbourhood Plan and information on a Neighbourhood Plan: these are attached to the minutes. Parish Councillor Richard Tebay verbally updated the meeting on the timeline/ action plan which he consulted David English of Northumberland County Council in regard to the timeline. The Sub Group confirmed if there is no funding then there will be no plan, however Parish Councillor R. Tebay felt optimistic that the Parish Council will be able to access the new set of funding available for Neighbourhood Plans which is £8K which is drawn down in tranches as the funding is required. Parish Councillor R Tebay informed the meeting that David English is willing to attend future meetings and if it is agreed to prepare a plan the aim is to finish it in 2016 so it will be in line with Northumberland County Council's Core Strategy. Parish Councillor R Tebay advised the meeting he initially was willing to be the Project Manager, however the funding would need to be used to pay for somebody to undertake the administration and consultancy support. The Sub Group informed the meeting that to get started they need identify issues and a vision which needs to be built in to the bid in the next 2 months and define an area the plan will cover. The group went on to say there needs to be engagement with the community which can be done via, meetings, the website & through Chatton News, as well as an active commitment from Parish Councillors. It was agreed there should be a limit of approx 5 headings that the plan could cover, a debate followed about what the headings could be and what would be included under the headings i.e. transport and broadband. The Sub Group asked Parish Councillors to canvass the residents within their wards to gauge their interest, the members not on the Sub Group did not feel they had sufficient knowledge on the subject so it was agreed the Sub Group would prepare a leaflet which Parish Councillors would deliver and then there will be a public meeting to answer any questions the public may have. Parish Councillor R Tebay confirmed if there is no support from the community then there will be no plan prepared. A vote took place to progress to the next stage 9 for, 1 against, 1 abstention, so the Parish Council move to the next stage which is to consult stakeholders, local small businesses, neighbours, distribute leaflets, hold a public meeting and apply for funding.

**Min 926- Planning Review-** Parish Councillors agreed to support Stannington Parish Council's letter of objection in regard to Northumberland County Council's planning review.

Meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

**Date of next Meeting:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

Agenda Items for March meeting must be received by 16<sup>th</sup> March