

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 11th June 2015
in the Chatton Village Hall Chatton Commencing at 19.00**

Present: Chairman J Railton Vice-Chairman M Strother
Parish Councillors Mrs M. Govett, J Jeffreys, Mr. P Dodds Mrs. D Pardoe
R Tebay D Ord, & Mrs A Wrangham
Clerk I Hunter
County Councillor A Murray
Mr. M Mountney – Local Footpaths Warden
2 Members of the public

Public Question time: - Mr. Atkinson raised concerns about parking in Chatton especially on the Main Street where there are more cars than spaces; he suggested the Parish Council form a small committee which could include some residents to look into alternative options to address car parking issues in Chatton. The Chairman informed the meeting that using part of the Village Green could be an option. The meeting agreed this could be an increasing issue in Chatton, saying the Parish Council are open to any suggestions, and agreed the Clerk contact the Highways Department at Northumberland County Council asking for a site visit as soon as possible as the first step.

Mr. Atkinson left the meeting at this point

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillors M Hunter Mrs. S Dodds & Mrs S Davidson
PC Mark Lynn. The Chairman agreed to contact Parish Councillor
Mrs. S Davidson in regard to her leave of absence and report back to
the July meeting

Declaration of Interest: Parish Councillor D Ord declared a Personal & Prejudicial Interest in
Planning Application No's 15/01701/LBC & 15/01644/FUL as an adjacent
landowner

Updates from the Community Police Officer- No updates

Min 962 (Min 961)- Footpaths- The Chairman welcomed Mr. Mountney to the meeting. Mr. Mountney informed the meeting that he is a volunteer Footpath Warden assigned to Tillside Parish Council: he went on to explain that he surveys all the footpaths within the Parish annually looking for excessive growth, broken styles, broken gates, broken bridges, missing signs and blocked paths then report back to Northumberland County Council. Mr Mountney explained the differences between, Byways, Restrictive Byways, Bridleways, Permissive Bridleways, Footpaths and Permissive Footpaths. The meeting asked questions of clarification of the footpaths on Mr. Mountney's maps. The meeting agreed Mr. Mountney move forward in setting up a Sub Group of interested parties: Parish Councillor Mrs. D Pardoe agreed to represent Hetton Ward, Parish Councillor Mrs. A Wrangham agreed to represent Lilburn Ward. Mr. Mountney agreed to keep in contact with the Parish Council.

Mr. Mountney left the meeting at this point.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14th May 2015 previously circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising-

Min 963 (Min 941) - Broadband- The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council write to John Cooper with a preferred area within the Parish that they would like included in the next round of the broadband roll out. The meeting considered possible areas and agreed the preferred area should be the Horton's area. The Chairman agreed to draft the letter and circulate it for member's agreement.

Min 964 (Min 943) - Speed Warning Sign-The Vice-Chairman confirmed that the post is now installed but would like to contact Northumberland County Council in regard to installing the sign. The Clerk agreed to supply the e-mail address for Bob Hodgson at Northumberland County Council.

Min 965 (Min 946) - Allotments- Parish Councillor R Tebay informed the meeting that a letter has been sent to Northumberland Estates and this matter is being dealt with.

Min 966 (Min 945) - The Neighbourhood Plan- Parish Councillor Mrs. A Wrangham tabled a draft poster advertising the public meeting to see if there is interest from residents for a Neighbourhood Plan, copies are to be prepared and displayed in all Wards. Parish Councillors were asked to promote the meeting: which will include a presentation which will be supported by Northumberland County Council. Then residents will be able to put post-it notes on sheets of paper saying what they like in the Parish, what they don't like, and what they want.

Min 967- Northumberland Estates- The Chairman tabled a draft letter which he proposed to send to Colin Barnes from the Parish Council. Parish Councillors debated the letter and agreed it needed to be adjusted. The meeting agreed that Parish Councillor R Tebay amend the letter and circulate it for member's agreement.

Min 968- Grass Cutting School Field- The Chairman informed the meeting that the Village Hall Committee have asked the Parish Council to pay for this area to be cut as there is to be an increase in Parish Council meetings at no extra charge. The Parish Councillors debated the responsibility and agreed the Parish Council offer to pay 50% of the grass cutting costs, and suggested holding an annual community fund raising event to pay for the grass cutting. The Chairman agreed to report the suggestion back to the Village Hall Committee. The Clerk informed the meeting if the annual charge for grass cutting was to be over £500 to the Parish Council this would need to go to tender in line with the Parish Council's Standing Orders. The meeting agreed the Chairman could organise one cut of the area before the July Parish Council meeting.

Min 969- Consultation on a draft Private Sector Housing Strategy for Northumberland- Parish Councillor R Tebay suggested the Parish Council should respond to this consultation. The meeting agreed Parish Councillor R Tebay respond on behalf of the Parish Council, but circulate his draft response to members for comment.

Min 970- Traffic through Chatton- This was covered in Public Question time.

Min 971- Communication & Correspondence- Parish Councillor Mrs. M Govett raised concerns that recent e-mails in regard to planning comments did not include the Parish Council's e-mail address, which is the record of what Parish Councillors have said. It was agreed that Parish Councillor R Tebay investigate a private page on the website where Parish Councillors can comment on plans and can be edited as and when Parish Councillors add comments; each Parish Councillor would have a password. The meeting agreed at the minute everybody must respond to the e-mails sent out by the Clerk in regard to planning applications and it must be reply to all.

Min 972- Financial Statement

• Bank Balance	£ 14696.75	
Including	£ 339.82	Future Projects Fund
	£ 404.00	Speed Warning Signs
	£ 13952.93	Parish Council Balance

Min 973– Accounts for Payment-

• Mrs E I Hunter	£ 96.00	Clerk's Salary
• HMRC	£ 24.00	PAYE
• E Rathbone	£ 40.00	Internal Audit

Min 974- Planning Applications *Observations.*

15/01424/FUL- Conversion of traditional farm buildings into two dwellings with separate garaging- Land West of Amerside Law Farm Chatton Northumberland. *Parish Councillors agreed the following: Tillside Parish Council have looked at the plans for the barn conversion of the courtyard at Amerside Law into two residential units, and it seems quite a straight forward development of redundant buildings. The proximity to the cattle sheds was flagged up as a possible conflict, and there was concern expressed about the extra traffic on the road.*

Parish Councillor D Ord did not take part in the 2 Applications

15/01701/LBC- Listed Building Consent for internal alterations to form two dwellings and amendments to access to allow subdivision of garden grounds and adjacent storage area- Weetwood Hall Wooler Northumberland NE71 6EX *Tillside Parish Councillors agreed to submit the following;*

- 1. We request that the new borehole water supply be fully operational before the commencement of any building works to the properties. The water supply to this hamlet is already under threat, and if the applicant obtains permission, he will have recently created three additional residences on the site, to draw on a water supply which has already proved to be unsustainable.*
- 2. Although there is precedent for the division of listed nineteenth century houses, it is a pity that this hereditament is to be allowed to change from a family home, especially in the light*

that it was recently offered on the market, with willing buyers prepared to take on 'the whole'.

3. *If the division is to be allowed, in order to make it less obvious i.e. a proposed line/hedge up the middle of the lawn, we would suggest that the access remains the same - with both properties sharing the front drive. This would also mean that the change of access request to the bunker house, and the proposed north part of Weetwood Hall, be unnecessary. There would be no need to create a dangerous crossroads on a sharp corner of a hill.*

15/01644/FUL- Internal alterations to form two dwellings and amendments to access to allow sub-division of garden grounds and adjacent storage area- Weetwood Hall Wooler Northumberland NE71 6EX Tillside Parish Councillors agreed to submit the following;

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The meeting asked County Councillor A Murray to request the 2 Weetwood Hall applications to go to Committee, he agreed.

Min 975- Planning Approvals

15/00734/FUL- Conversion of outbuilding to provide annexed bedroom accommodation along with provision of a car port and front entrance porch to main house. Raising of rear mono pitched roof to match level of adjacent property. Smithy Cottage New Road Chatton NE68 5 PS

15/00376/FUL- General Farm Building- Land South of Shielhope Chatton
Northumberland

15/01004/LBC- Listed Building Consent: (i) Proposal is to convert stables- part of the outbuildings to provide two additional bedrooms and a bathroom (ii) renew existing windows and doors to match (i) above (iii) Form two additional door openings to south elevation- the first floor opening to provide access to balcony – Garden Cottage Weetwood Hall Wooler

15/00888/FUL- (i) Proposal is to convert stables- part of the outbuildings to provide two additional bedrooms and a bathroom (ii) renew existing windows and doors to match (i) above (iii) Form two additional door openings to south elevation- the first floor opening to provide access to balcony – Garden Cottage Weetwood Hall Wooler NE71 6EX

Min 976- Planning Withdrawals

15/01250/FUL- Proposed rear single storey extension: Installation of flue pipe: re-position of oil tank -2 Heathery Hall Wooler Northumberland NE71 6EU

Min 977- Correspondence:

- NCC- Love Northumberland Awards
- NCC- Planning Training- *The Chairman agreed to book a place and attend one of the sessions.*

Any Other Business.

Min 978- Future Meeting Dates Parish Councillors agreed the Parish Council would meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month if there was sufficient business, and the August meeting would only meet if there were planning Applications. The Chairman suggested if members comment on plans on the e-mail system, there may not be a need to meet every month.

Min 979- War Memorial- Parish Councillors agreed the Future Projects Fund could be used to re-point the War Memorial. Parish Councillor D Ord agreed to obtain a quote and the Clerk agreed to contact North East War Memorials to see if the Parish Council could organise for the work to be completed.

Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Date of next Meeting: Thursday 9th July at 7pm

Agenda Items for July meeting must be received by 30th June