

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 14th January 2016
in the Chatton Village Hall Chatton Commencing at 19.00**

Present: Chairman J Railton Vice-Chairman M Strother
Parish Councillors M. Govett J Jeffreys, D Pardoe R Tebay, M Hunter
A Lillie & A Wrangham
County Councillor A Murray
Clerk I Hunter

Public Question time: - None

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillors D Ord, & T Cairns
PC Mark Lynn.

The Parish Council congratulated County Councillor A Murray on his recent recognition in the New Year's Honour list.

Declaration of Interest: None

Updates from the Community Police Officer- The Clerk informed the meeting that PC Mark Lynn had reported the following incidents in the Parish. Poachers were seen at East Horton Farm, they made off in an 02 Freelander. The driver was stopped in Alnwick and summonsed for hare coursing. An outbuilding at Lilburn Towers was broken into and chain saws etc stolen. Finally, he asked people to be more vigilant in regard to the security of ATV's

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th December 2015 previously circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Min 1068 (Min 1050)- Parish Council Vacancy- The Clerk reported there has been no interest at the present time.

Min 1069 (Min 1052) - The Neighbourhood Plan- Parish Councillor A Wrangham tabled notes from the latest Steering Group meeting which was held the previous night, stating she is still contacting the people who had showed an interest in helping with the Neighbourhood Plan, of which some of these volunteers may be willing to be members of the Steering Group. Parish Councillor A Wrangham also informed the meeting that at the present time the group does not have a secretary as Parish Councillor T Cairns had to resign from the position, however the group are looking for a volunteer to take on this role, and if they are not successful the group will come back to the Parish Council to see if the Parish Council will consider employing a person to undertake the secretarial work.

Min 1070 (Min1053)- Signage in the Parish- The Chairman proposed that all Parish Councillors check their wards for missing signs, signs that need repairs & where additional signs are required and report back to the February meeting, this was agreed. County Councillor A Murray agreed to check to see if there is any funding available for signage.

Min 1071 (Min1054)- School Field Lease- The Chairman informed the meeting that a Parish Council representative is meeting with Northumberland Estates to discuss some amendments which include a footpath through to the allotments, and proposed the agreeing of the draft lease is deferred to the February meeting. This was agreed. The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Northumberland Estate's Solicitors and update them of the current position. The Chairman tabled an Invoice from S Douglas on behalf of M Douglas for £200 for cutting the School Field in 2015, and suggested an additional amount as a thank you for cutting additional grass within Chatton in 2015. The meeting agreed to pay the £200 Invoice, and the Chairman organise a letter of thanks from the Parish Council along with a £50 voucher from The Good Life Shop for the additional free of charge grass cutting undertaken in 2015.

Min 1072 (Min 1061) - Legion Hut- The Chairman informed the meeting that there will be a notice in the next issue of the Chatton News asking residents to come forward if they are interested in the Legion Hut, or any of its contents. The Chairman informed the meeting it will cost approx. £4K to demolish the hut if the roof contains asbestos, and suggested the costs should be shared between the Village Hall Committee, the Parish Council and possibly Northumberland Estates. The meeting agreed confirmation is required as to whether the roof contains asbestos or not as this will have an impact on the demolition costs. Parish Councillor M Govett informed the meeting that a building survey of the Parish hut was undertaken by Robert Hales, building surveyor, as part of the Tillside Parish Plan, and there should be a hard copy of the survey. The meeting agreed in principle to share the demolition costs but confirmation about the possibility of asbestos is required.

Min 1073 (Min1062)- Affordable housing in Chatton- The Clerk informed the meeting that Parish Councillor T Cairns has been advised the ISOS Community Fund is currently closed but will reopen in late spring.

Min 1074- Financial Statement

• Bank Balance	£ 15817.58	
Including	£ 339.82	Future Projects Fund
	£ 404.00	Speed Warning Signs
	£ 15073.76	Parish Council Balance

Min 1075– Accounts for Payment-

• Glendale Gateway Trust	£ 60.00	Annual website fee
• E I Hunter	£ 96.00	Clerk's Salary
• HMRC	£ 24.00	PAYE
• S Douglas	£ 200.00	Grass cutting School Field
• J Railton	£ 137.03	Laminated Parish maps (Fantasy)
• The Good Life Shop	£ 50.00	Donation to M Douglas

Min 1076- Planning Approvals

15/03742/LBC- Listed Building Consent- Provision of first floor bathroom with associated works and stud partitioning, 1no slate roof vent to rear pitch of main roof

and 1no, soil and vent pipe to west elevation. Fowberry Mains Farm
Wooler Northumberland NE71 6EN

15/03693/FUL- Erection of an agricultural building- Land North of Henlaw Farm Chatton
Northumberland.

Min 1077- Correspondence:

- **Hospice Care**– Information & request for a donation *Parish Councillors agreed not to make a donation*
- **Clerks & Councils Direct**- Newsletter

Min 1078- Rights of Way- The meeting considered the report prepared by M Mountney previously circulated by Parish Councillor D Pardoe and agreed amendments were required to cover the points of views of the land owners before it is finally agreed and then put on the website. The Vice Chairman & Parish Councillor M Govett agreed to prepare a paragraph on behalf of land owners and a revised report will be considered at the February meeting.

Min 1079-Chatton News- It was agreed Parish Councillor R Tebay submit an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Any Other Urgent Business.

Min 1080- Speed Sign- The Chairman informed the meeting that M Douglas is willing to look after the speed sign on behalf of the Parish Council.

Min 1081- Pavement- The Chairman asked County Councillor A Murray if the pavement repairs between Cheviot View & The Percy Arms could be prioritised as another resident has recently fallen. County Councillor A Murray replied the repairs are included within the 2016/17 programme and he does not have any Small Grants Funding left until April 2016 to help support these works.

Date of next Meeting: Thursday 11th February at 7pm

Agenda Items for February meeting must be received by 2nd February