

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th June 2018
in the Chatton Village Hall Chatton Commencing at 19.00**

Website: <http://www.tillside.uk/>

Present: Chairman M Strother

Parish Councillors: A Wrangham, A Hume, H Prytherch, B Stimpson. M Hunter & T Faa-Thompson.

J Renner after Min 1363

5 members of the public

County Councillor A Murray

Clerk I Hunter

Public Question time: - Weetwood Hall-

- The applicant gave a summary of the situation and the current application.
- A member of the public queried:
 - The name of the application is incorrect, it should be Earth Sheltered House for Holiday Accommodation
 - The lack of site notices- response- these have been erected.
 - The amended access is for a different application
 - Screening, the house should be covered with turf not artificial turf.
 - The lime trees on site are not as stated on the plans.
 - The garden store is not to the size and scale of the consent and should be built to the size and scale of the consent.

Min 1362- Weetwood Hall Planning Application- 18/01709/VARYCO- Variation of conditions 2 (Approved Plans), 3 (Materials) and 6 (Landscaping) pursuant to planning permission 12/03863/VARYCO to allow changes to external appearance, materials and landscaping- Earth Sheltered House, Weetwood Hall, Wooler Northumberland NE71 6EX

The Chairman gave a summary from the site meeting held on 12th June with Planning Officers as some Parish Councillors were unable to attend and thanked the applicant for allowing the site visit to take place. The Chairman also read out some questions which were asked of the Planning Officer and the answers received.

Parish Councillor A Wrangham stated this will be an interesting property and said she was unsure about the property's future use. She concluded by saying that new buildings can be sited next to old buildings and she supported eco type buildings.

The Chairman stated the log store is larger than what was proposed, and it is disappointing that the works have commenced ahead of approval, therefore it is now a retrospective application.

Parish Councillors agreed they did not wish to set a precedent, the development is next to a Listed Building.

Parish Councillors agreed to object to the application on the following grounds:

- The house must be covered with tuft and not artificial turf.
- The new proposed size for the log store is not required. The log store should be built as per the original approval.
- There are concerns why the log store has been relocated.
- There are concerns about the access to the development.

- The access on the plans does not match the onsite access.
Parish Councillors asked County Councillor A Murray to call in the Application to allow it to be heard at Committee.

Parish Councillors suspended Standing Orders to allow a member of the public speak

A member of the public raised concerns about the planning process.
Standing Orders re-instated.

4 members of the public left the meeting at that point.

Apologies for Absence: Vice-Chairman R Tebay, Parish Councillors P Dodds, S Dodds, & M Govett

Min 1363- Parish Councillor vacancies- The Chairman informed the meeting that John Renner has made a verbal request to join the Parish Council. John Renner gave a summary as to why he wished to join Tillside Parish Council. Parish Councillors agreed John Renner join Tillside Parish Council and represent Chillingham Parish. John Renner signed the Declaration of Acceptance and joined the meeting at that point.
The Clerk reminded Parish Councillors that there are still 2 vacancies for Chatton Parish.

Declaration of Interest: The Chairman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Min 1376.

Request for Dispensation: None

Community Police: - No report

Min 1364 – Chairman’s report- The Chairman gave the following verbal update: Tillside Parish is in a wonderful part of the County, and Parish Councillors are passionate, willing to engage, who need to continue to be positive and encouraging. He stated the Parish Council needs to be professional and ensure there is an e-mail trail on all communications. He advised Parish Councillors that there may be occasions when a response time limit is placed on e-mails which will only happen if the Parish Council has a deadline to meet, and if Parish Councillors do not respond within the time limit it will be presumed you support the proposal within the e-mail. Parish Councillors agreed the proposal. The Chairman stated that when responding to planning applications the responses should be consistent, and if objecting the objections should be fact based. All discussions and debates should remain within the meeting. Finally, the Chairman proposed a letter of thanks should be sent to Jim Railton for his years’ service on the Parish Council, stating that he will be a miss as he has a lot of local knowledge and experience. Parish Councillors agreed a letter of thanks to be sent to Jim Railton.

Minutes- The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10th May 2018 previously circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Min 1365 (Min 1347)- Village Hall BBQ Area- Parish Councillor H Prytherch advised the meeting that the grant application form for the James Knott Trust needs to

be submitted by 15th June, however, agreement by the landowner is required. Parish Councillors agreed the grant application should be submitted and a phone call to Northumberland Estates should be made to get a verbal agreement.

Min 1366- Chatton parking- The Chairman gave a summary from the site meeting with Northumberland County Council Highway's Officers. It has been agreed to place 2 sets of speed count wires on the road in Chatton to gather evidence. It has also been agreed to place a camera in a location for a 24-hour period to gather evidence. Parish Councillors considered the following locations for Northumberland County Council to undertake a scoping exercise for possible parking:

- Henlaw Road area.
- School yard.
- Section of Village Green

Parish Councillors suggested resident's parking and double yellow lines could be considered, however, they would need to be policed.

Parish Councillor A Hume agreed to follow up the issue of the bus transport within Chatton with Northumberland County Council.

Min 1367- Financial Statement

- Bank Balance £ 20954.35

Min 1368- Accounts for Payment

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| • E I Hunter | £ 96.00 | Clerk's Salary |
| • HMRC | £ 24.00 | PAYE |
| • NALC | £ 142.23 | Subscription & National Affiliation fee. |
| • E I Hunter | £ 35.00 | Data Protection fee |
| • E I Hunter | £ 64.23 | Petty Cash |
| • E I Hunter | £ 573.46 | Purchase IT equipment |

Min 1369-Planning Application

18/01773/FUL- Proposed conversion and extension of agricultural building to residential (C3 use) to form 1 no dwelling- Land West of Tilery Cottage Chatton Northumberland. *Parish Councillors debated the application and agreed to object to the application on the following grounds:*

- *The size of the proposed red lined plot is too large compared with the size of the proposed dwelling.*
- *The access road is of an excessive width compared with the size of the development that is proposed.*

Parish Councillors asked County Councillor A Murray to call in the Application to allow it to be heard at Committee.

Min 1370- Planning Approval-

18/01017/FUL- Proposed construction of 1 detached dwelling including associated access, car parking, landscaping, outbuildings and associated works-
Land East of Chatton Village Hall Old Road Chatton Northumberland

18/00912/FUL- Retrospective application to use the existing Shepherds Hut as a B&B
– Wagtail Cottage 2 Hetton Law Farm Cottages Lowick Berwick-
upon-Tweed TD15 2UL

Min 1371 - Correspondence-

- 1- **Seafarers Uk-** Information merchant Navy Day 3rd September
- 2- **NCC-** LTP Feedback. *The Clerk agreed to circulate the criteria for the LTP. Parish Councillors agreed to start thinking what the Parish Council's 3 priorities could be ahead of the July meeting. Parish Councillor B Stimpson asked how the Lyham cross roads could be progressed. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact the Highway's Department at Northumberland County Council asking them for a solution to the current situation.*

Min 1372 (Min 1356) – Remembrance Day 2018 – The Chairman as well as Parish Councillors R Tebay, M Hunter & B Stimpson agreed to support the events on Remembrance Day. Parish Councillors agreed that the Clerk advise the PCC. Parish Councillors also agreed to pay for the grass to be cut in Chatton and Chillingham for Remembrance Day if necessary.

Min 1373- Assets of Community Value/ Green Spaces & Walkabouts

- To consider the report from the Chatton walkabout on 10th May. *Parish Councillors agreed to defer this until the September meeting when Parish Councillor R Tebay will be present.*
- To agree future walkabouts. *Parish Councillors agreed to defer this until the July meeting.*

Min 1374- Document retention

- To consider the future retention of Parish Council information. *Parish Councillors agreed to defer this until the September meeting when Parish Councillor R Tebay will be present.*

Min 1375- Northumberland Estates- The Chairman advised the meeting that at the minute it appears that the line of communication with Northumberland Estates have stopped and suggested writing a letter of thanks to Northumberland Estates as they have reinstated the wall on the Chillingham Road as promised.

Min 1376 - Chatton Village shop – The Chairman suggested making a thank you gift to the owner of the village shop as he is retiring. Parish Councillors agreed to spend £60.

The Chairman did not take part in the next discussion.

Parish Councillor M Hunter proposed £30 bottle of spirit from Lance Strother Wines and a £30 voucher for the Percy Arms. This was agreed. Parish Councillors asked the Chairman to organise the gifts.

Min 1377- Purchase of IT equipment – Parish Councillors agreed the previously circulated information and agreed the Clerk purchase the laptop and printer package from Currys for £535.16.

Min 1378- Chatton News- Parish Councillors agreed the Chairman prepare the following updates for the Chatton News:

- a) Thank you to Jim Railton
- b) Welcome new Parish Councillor
- c) Thank you to the owner of the village shop.
- d) Suggestions for possible areas for a car park in Chatton.

Any Other Urgent Business.

Min 1379 – Recognition – The Chairman to work with the Village Hall Committee on a thank you gift for Ian Catchpole. Parish Councillors agreed to spend up to £75.

Min 1380- Playground Group. The Chairman thanked County Councillor A Murray for the kind donation of £2k towards play equipment and to County Councillor T Thorne for £5K. County Councillor A Murray advised the meeting that Northumberland County Council require an estimate for the equipment to be purchased. Parish Councillors agreed to setup a Playground Group which will consist of Parish Councillors H Prytherch, A Wrangham, A Hume & T Faa-Thompson, along with interested residents. The Clerk to see if she can obtain a draft constitution, once the group is constituted they can start applying for grant funding.

Min 1381- Wooler Middle School- County Councillor A Murray advised the meeting that some parents are deciding to sent their children to Alnwick prior to the children being 13 years old as they do not wish the children to go to Berwick Academy, this means that there will unfortunately have to be some redundancies within the school. He concluded by saying the standard of education will not drop and the school is financially secure for the next 2 years when it is hoped Berwick Academy will have improved.

Min 1382- Bank Signatories- The Clerk informed the meeting that Parish Councillors A Hume & B Stimpson have now been approved to sign cheques. Also, the online banking is progressing.

Date of the next Parish Council Meetings: Thursday 12 July at 7pm

Agenda Items for July meeting must be received by 2nd July 2018
Parish Councillors A Hume, A Wrangham, M Hunter, & T Faa-Thompson submitted apologies for the July meeting.

Chairman _____ Date _____

Ch's Initials _____