

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 8th November 2018
in the Chatton Village Hall Chatton Commencing at 19.00**
Website: <http://www.tillside.uk/>

Present: Chairman M Strother, Vice-Chairman R Tebay
Parish Councillors: H Prytherch, B Stimpson. J Renner & T Faa-Thompson.
County Councillor A Murray
Clerk I Hunter
1 member of the public

Public Question time: - None

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillors M Hunter A Wrangham & M Govett.
Parish Councillors considered and granted the request for leave of absence from Parish Councillor M Hunter

Parish Councillor resignation – The Chairman advised the meeting that he had received a letter of resignation from Parish Councillors S Dodds & P Dodds. The Clerk agreed to organise the vacancy notices. The Chairman to write letters of thanks for their service to the Parish Council.

Declaration of Interest: Parish Councillor J Renner declared a Personal & Prejudicial Interest in Planning Application No 18/03704/FUL

Request for Dispensation: None

Community Police: - The Clerk informed the meeting that the Police had e-mailed to say there had been no crimes within the Parish since the last meeting, however, there had been 2 poacher jobs so they asked people to be vigilant. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact the police and ask them to attend the January Parish Council meeting.

The Chairman of the Chatton Village Hall Trust joined the meeting at this point.

Chatton Village Hall- The Chairman of the Chatton Village Hall Trust advised the meeting that the lease for the Village Hall is between Tillside Parish Council and Northumberland Estates, and that 2 Parish Councillors should be representing the Parish Council on Chatton Village Hall Trust. The Vice-Chairman confirmed he is a Parish Council representative on Chatton Village Hall Trust. The Chairman of the Chatton Village Hall Trust queried the length of the lease suggesting the draft states 10 years, however, it was confirmed the lease is a 25-year lease. The Chairman of the Chatton Village Hall Trust stated the Village Hall Trust may be looking for financial support for the repairs to the floor if current avenues are not successful. The Parish Council Chairman agreed to attend the next Chatton Village Hall Trust meeting, and in future the Parish Council will be represented at Chatton Village Hall Trust meetings.

Parish Councillors agreed there will be a standing item on future Parish Council agendas to receive updates from Chatton Village Hall Trust. Parish Councillors agreed to consider financially supporting Chatton Village Hall Trust, if funding is required to repair the Chatton Village Hall floor, however this will be on request from Chatton Village Hall Trust.

Chatton Village Hall Trust to provide Tillside Parish Council with written recommendations if support is required in the future.

The Chairman of the Chatton Village Hall Trust left the meeting at this point.

Minutes- The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th September previously circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Min 1406- Bus Service- The Chairman gave a verbal update stating Northumberland County Council were suggesting relocating the bus shelter in Chatton. Parish Councillors agreed it was up to the contractor to fulfil the contract, and Northumberland County Council to resolve the problem, as this has not been a problem in the past. Concerns were also raised that the darker nights are approaching. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk e-mail Neil Snowdon at Northumberland County Council, once the draft has been agreed by the Chairman.

Min 1407- Highways- The Chairman gave a verbal update stating Neil Snowdon of Northumberland County Council now understands the problem at the Lyham cross roads. Neil Snowdon has suggested the remedy could qualify for funding under the rural road initiative. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk e-mail Neil Snowdon at Northumberland County Council, saying the Parish Council are looking forward to an early solution, once the draft has been agreed by the Chairman.

Min 1408 (Min 1384) Chatton parking- The Chairman gave a verbal update:

- The results from the speed survey already undertaken have not provided much information, so Northumberland County Council will repeat the survey, as well as undertake a survey to the east.
- The Parish Council would like an update from Northumberland County Council in regard to the scoping exercise for possible car parking areas within Chatton.
- Northumberland County Council are checking to see who owns the land near the corner shop.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk e-mail Neil Snowdon thanking him for setting up and attending the recent site meeting.

Min 1409 (Min 1383)- Village Hall Area- Parish Councillor H Prytherch advised the meeting that grant applications have been submitted.

Min 1410- Playground Group- Parish Councillor H Prytherch advised the meeting that the final plans have been agreed, so the group are now contacting Northumberland

Estates as the landowner for permission, before completing grant funding applications.

Min 1411- Financial Statement

- Bank Balance £ 21739.38

Min 1412- Accounts for Payment

- E I Hunter £ 96.00 Clerk's Salary – 2 months
- HMRC £ 24.00 PAYE 2 months
- E I Hunter £ 33.90 Expenses
- Sally-Ann Douglas £ 380.00 Grass Cutting
- Percy Arms £ 30.00 Thank you gift – charging batteries for speed warning sign

Min 1413-Planning Applications

18/03498/FUL- Proposed change of use and conversion of existing single storey stable block into two Holiday-let cottages- West Lyham Farmhouse Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5QA. *Parish Councillors had already supported the application.*

18/03704/FUL- Erection of 2x polytunnels for the use of growing vegetables and salad crops for a new market garden business- Shielhope Cottage Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5RE. *Parish Councillors had already submitted:
No objections to this application, subject to Parish Councillors receiving reassurance that there will be no the impact on the current water supply, and additional traffic on a narrow road will be addressed.*

Min 1414- Planning Approvals-

18/02749/VARYCO- Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) relating to planning permission 17/04606/FUL to alter the proposed layout of the site – Land North of Chatton Scout Hut West End Chatton Northumberland

18/02099/LBC- Conversion of redundant stable building to residential accommodation- Fowberry Mains Farm U1062 Fowberry Park junction to Weetwood Moor Junction Wooler NE71 6EN

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Min 1415 - Correspondence-

- 1- Clerks & Councils Direct- Newsletter
- 2- CAN- Request for a donation
- 3- GNAA- Request for a donation

4- CPRE- Autumn Newsletter

5- NCC- Reply in Parish Council's request to visit a recycling centre. *Parish Councillors A Wrangham, B Stimpson & J Renner agreed to undertake the visit and report back to the Parish Council. The Clerk to organise a date and time.*

6- EBDA- Request for nominations for annual awards.

Min 1416 - Donations- Parish Councillors agreed to make no donations.

Min 1417- Defibrillator- Parish Councillor A Wrangham to prepare a report for the January meeting.

Min 1418- Noticeboard- The Vice-Chairman advised the meeting the Chatton noticeboard has been repaired. The meeting was informed that the Chillingham noticeboard requires repairs. The Chairman agreed to check the Chillingham noticeboard and organise any necessary repairs. Parish Councillors to agree payment for repairs via e-mail and ratify the decision at the January meeting.

Min 1419- Grass Cutting- Parish Councillors agreed a payment to M Douglas for £280 which was for cutting the Village Hall field in 2018 and £100 for cutting grass areas in preparation for Remembrance Day.

Min 1420 (Min 1399)- Projects- Parish Councillors agreed the following as possible projects:

- Millennium horse chestnut trees- It was agreed the Chairman and Parish Councillor A Hume check the trees which were planted to mark the millennium, remove and replace any damaged trees.
- Recycling bins for Chatton- To await feedback from Parish Councillors following their meeting with Northumberland County Council.
- Speed warning sign- The Chairman to obtain a cost for a sign at the east end of Chatton and then hold a site meeting with Neil Snowdon at Northumberland County Council to consider possible locations. Parish Councillors also agreed future maintenance and recharging of batteries will need to be considered. Parish Councillors agreed to give a £30 thank you gift as well as a letter of thanks to the person currently charging the batteries for the other sign. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact the speed watch group saying the Parish Council are considering purchasing an additional sign as per our original plan, and would be interested in any feedback from the group along with the number of letters that have been issued through their work as speed watch volunteers. Parish Councillors agreed that they would be willing to keep the group updated on the progress.
- Speeding in Chillingham-The Clerk to contact Neil Snowdon at Northumberland County Council and invite him to a site meeting to look at possible signage to reduce the speed through Chillingham

Min 1421 Budget 2019/20- The Chairman advised the meeting that Parish Councillors will be setting the 2019/20 budget and precept at the January meeting, however,

his recommendation would be not to change the precept from £4500, due to the current high level of bank balance.

Min 1422- Chatton News- Parish Councillors agreed the following items to be included in the Chatton News:

- a) Chatton Bridge update
- b) Broadband update.
- c) Parish Councillor vacancies.
- d) List of projects, request feedback from residents on following projects:
 - Bottle recycling
 - Works to Millennium trees
 - Additional speed warning sign
 - Speed warning signs for Chillingham
 - Additional street lights
 - Any other suggestions
- e) Parish Councillors profiles
- f) Updates on parking in Chatton, Bus Services & Lyham cross roads.

Any Other Urgent Business.

Min 1423 (Min 1395) – Remembrance Day 2018 – The Church Service on 11th November will be at 10 am and 11am at the War Memorials.

Min 1424- Street Lights- Parish Councillors raised concerns about the level of light from the new street lights, stating the new lights are not effective and there could be safety concerns. Parish Councillors asked if higher wattage bulbs could be used. County Councillor A Murray agreed to look into this.

Min 1425- Allotment gate- Parish Councillors agreed the Parish Council and the Allotment Association would joint share the cost of a replacement gate and the Parish Councillors would hang the new gate. The Chairman to source a new gate.

Min 1426- Broadband- The Vice-Chairman proposed that Sylvia Pringle from INorthumberland is invited to the January Parish Council meeting as Parish Councillors continue to receive complaints from residents at Hetton Law and the Horton's area. This was agreed.

Date of the next Parish Council Meetings: Thursday 10th January at 7pm

Agenda Items for January meeting must be received by 2nd January 2019

Chairman _____ Date _____

Ch's Initials _____