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**Minutes of Tillside Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th April 2023
in Chatton Village Hall Commencing at 7pm**

Present: Chairman M Strother,
Parish Councillors: H Prytherch, I Fiddes, R Tebay, A MacDonald-Smith, A Wrangham,
I Straughan, T Faa-Thompson, H Scrivens, & R Ord
County Councillor M Mather (after Min 1927)
2 members of the public.
Clerk I Hunter

Public Question time: - A member of the public advised the meeting that she would be interested in setting up a community gardening group, to look after the planters in Chatton, to work with the current volunteers, and wondered if the Parish Council could provide funding to purchase compost and plants for the planters.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that Tillside Parish Council covers the whole of Tillside Parish, however, if the resident works with Parish Councillor H Scrivens and provides a report on suggested proposals, how much funding would be required, how will it be spent, and the request will be an agenda item at the May meeting. This was agreed.
Parish Councillor R Tebay offered to help by providing information of current volunteers.

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillors J Renner, I Brown, & D Spours,

Declaration of Interest: None

Request for Dispensation: None

Community Police: The Clerk read out the following report:

No crimes of note to report since the last meeting and no issues arising that would heighten tension in the area or create issues of vulnerability.

No incidents of note also in relation to either rural crime or suspicious vehicles.

Minutes- The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th February 2023 previously circulated were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Any urgent matters arising from the minutes if not already on the agenda- None

Min 1923- Chatton War Memorial- Parish Councillors ratified awarding the contract of repairing the stonework to the Chatton War Memorial to Jez Smith for £500. The lettering on the Chatton War Memorial to be repainted at a later date.

Min 1924- Village Footpath- The Chairman advised the meeting that Zurich Municipal Insurance had confirmed the Parish Council Insurance covers the footpath. Also, a thank you to Lilburn Estates for promptly completing the fencing in this area.

Parish Councillor H Scrivens advised the meeting that the Allotment Group had tidied up the area including clearing the dead branches, planting trees and laying bark chippings.

Min 1925- Village Green- The Clerk advised the meeting that Northumberland Estates had emailed today to say they are looking into the request and will update the Parish Council in due course.

Parish Councillors agreed to add this to the May agenda.

Min 1926- Highways updates:

- **Chillingham Signage-** Defer this agenda item until County Councillor M Mather arrives.
- **Chatton Bridge-** The Chairman advised the meeting that he had attended a site meeting with Parish Councillor H Prytherch, County Councillor M Mather & Northumberland County Council Bridge's Officer. It was agreed that there is more flooding on the village side of the bridge, which appears to be being caused by the level of debris under the arches of the bridge. The flooding at Chatton bridge has an impact on other areas further up the river. Also, the drains from Chatton bridge up to the Millennium Stone are blocked. Northumberland County Council are going to undertake dredging works, as well as clearing out the drains.
- **Fowberry ditching-** The Chairman advised the meeting that ditching works had been undertaken along the Fowberry Mains Road. He said he would monitor the situation as he was unsure if the works undertaken would resolve the problem.

Min 1927- Benches-

- Parish Councillor I Fiddes advised the meeting that all benches were now in place, however that Village Hall bench is next to the bbq until the play area is completed, and the Chillingham Wild Cattle Association will decide the location for the Chillingham bench.
- Parish Councillors agreed the payment of £700 to TW Fiddes for 2 benches.
- The Clerk advised the meeting that the only payment received was the 50% contribution for one bench from Chatton Village Hall.
The Clerk confirmed that County Councillor M Mather's payment for one bench will be received when the payment for one to the Chillingham Gateway signs is received.
Parish Councillor H Prytherch agreed to speak to Chillingham Wild Cattle Association.
Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact County Councillor C Hardy and ask him to fund one of the benches.

County Councillor M Mather joined the meeting at that point

Min 1928- Financial Statement

- Bank Balance £ 29093.95
Including £2K for Covid -19 Contingency fund
£9K play equipment funding.

Min 1929- Accounts

Receipt

- Chatton Village Hall £ 500.00 6-month rent
- Chatton Village Hall £ 424.18 2022 Insurance & outstanding rent

Payments

- E I Hunter £ 96.00 Clerk's March Salary (paid)
- HMRC £ 24.00 PAYE March (paid)
- Northumberland Estates £ 725.00 Annual rent Cricket pitch & 6-month rent Village Hall
- Chatton Village Hall £ 500.00 Refund overpayment- rent
- E I Hunter £ 96.00 Clerk's April Salary
- HMRC £ 24.00 PAYE April
- T W Fiddes £ 700.00 2 benches
- E I Hunter £ 25.48 Expenses

Min 1930- Chatton Village Hall- Parish Councillor I Fiddes provided the following updates:

- The Village Hall Committee is launching a Village Hall Heritage Project on 20th April which will run through the summer & autumn. The project will include looking for old photos and make recordings of past pupils of Chatton School.
- The Village Hall Committee have been awarded a £40K grant from the National Lottery to be used towards the kitchen, toilets etc, however, the Village Hall Committee still need to raise a further £20K to access the grant.
- The Village Hall Committee have received the energy assessment report which recommends that upgrading works is required. However, to apply for grants to fund the upgrading works the current lease with Northumberland Estates needs to be extended and the legal costs will be £1500.

Parish Councillors asked if the lease could be a rolling lease, and how much funding did Chatton Village Hall Committee have available to pay the legal costs. Parish Councillor I Fiddes responded to say that Chatton Village Hall Committee will ask the question about a rolling lease, and the Chatton Village Hall Committee had limited funds and only £2k left.

Parish Councillors agreed the following:

- To support the extending of the lease
- To fund 50% of the legal costs for the extension of the lease.

Min 1931- Covid contingency funding- Parish Councillors agreed to the following virement of the £2K covid contingency fund:

- £1k towards paying for the legal costs of the extension of the Village Hall lease with Northumberland Estates.
- £1k to be placed into the accumulated budget to cover the costs of the benches, until donations/sponsorship is identified and received.

Min 1932- Planning Applications- Parish Councillors ratified the submission of No Objections to the following Planning Applications:

23/00818/FUL- Proposed construction of steel portal frame general purpose farm shed- Henlaw Farm Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5PZ

23/00888/FUL- Erection of steel portal frame building for storage of general agricultural produce, machinery and handling of livestock- Amerside Law Farm Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5RF

Min 1933- Planning Approval

22/03859/FUL-Change of use from Agricultural field to proposed five bedroom detached residential dwelling and detached double garage (with agricultural tie).- Chatton Park Farm Track Through Chatton Park Chatton Park Chatton Northumberland NE66 5RA

Min 1934- Correspondence

- **NCC-** Information on Great British Spring Clean 2023. The Chairman thanked Parish Councillors I Straughan & J Renner for offering to take the lead in organising a clean-up event.
- **Belford PC-** Reply from MP Anne-Marie Trevelyan – dualling A1
- **HospiceCare-** request for a donation. Parish Councillors agreed not to make a donation.

Min 1935- New Play equipment- Parish Councillors agreed to defer this Agenda Item until the May meeting to allow Parish Councillors to undertake research into the questions asked.

Min 1936- Defibrillator

- Parish Councillor A Wrantham advised the meeting that the defibrillator at Lilburn is not working, however, she will continue to chase the supplier to help identify the issue, and keep the Parish Council updated.
- The Chairman advised the meeting that as the defibrillator is under the ownership of the Parish Council it needs to be registered on The Circuit and available for use asap.

Min 1937- County Councillor updates- County Councillor M Mather provided the following updates:

- The Chillingham gateway signs project will be delivered within 2023/24
- The North Northumberland Local Area Council, will be renamed to North Northumberland Local Area Committee, and it is hoped to have more involvement from Parish Councils.
- Northumberland County Council has received £3.9m from Central Government for potholes. At the present time consideration is being undertaken as to how the funding can be best utilised in the north and west due to distances involved.
- Wooler library will be open 6-days per week, as it was pre-covid.

- There was a meeting in the Glendale Gateway Trust, which looked at tourism, rural hardship and vulnerability. The next steps are to submit a bid for a member of staff to be based in the Glendale Gateway Centre to move the project forward.
- Parish Councillors asked for an update on the damage to the Old Bewick bridge. County Councillor M Mather reported that the stonework had been condemned, therefore the bridge will be closed for a long time.
- Parish Councillors asked for an update on The Percy Arms. County Councillor M Mather reported that Northumberland County Council Planning Enforcement is looking into this now that their planning appeal had been dismissed.

Min 1938- Chatton News- Parish Councillors agreed the following to be included in the next edition of the Chatton News:

- Benches update.
- Update on flooding at Chatton bridge area.
- The Parish Council is assisting with the extension to Chatton Village Hall lease.

Any Other Urgent Business.

The Chairman reminded Parish Councillors that any other urgent business is only for issues which need attention now. Parish Councillors should contact the Clerk before the agenda is issued to add items to the agenda as this will allow members of the public to see what will be considered at the Parish Council meeting.

Min 1939- Agenda items for May meeting-

- Compost & brown bins.
- Trees from Lyham cross roads to Hazelrigg.

Date of the Annual Parish & Parish Council meetings 11th May 2023

Parish Councillors I Straughan, R Tebay & H Scrivens submitted apologies for May meeting.

Chairman _____ Date _____