



**Minutes of Tillside Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th February 2020
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, I Fiddes, T Hume, J Renner, A MacDonald-Smith,
B Stimpson, I Straughan, & D Douglas,
Ian McCaffery Northumberland County Council
2 members of the public.
Clerk I Hunter

Public Question time: - None

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillors R Ord, T Faa-Thompson & A Wrangham

Declaration of Interest: None

Request for Dispensation: None

Community Police: - Parish Councillors noted the following previously circulated report:

There have been 9 incidents reported to us in your area. This includes 5 incidents that relate to road traffic offences. One of which was an RTC with dog which was settled through insurance.

There have also been incidents relating to the current bad weather we are experiencing including a report of a road flooding in the Lilburn area as well as an incident where the BT lines were reportedly brought down near Chatton Mill.

There has been one reported crime for your area. This was an incident of fraud by false representation where there was no CCTV and low forensic opportunities

Please can we ask everyone to be vigilant of crime and to report any suspicious behaviour.

Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk reply to the Police again asking for more details of incidents, as well as asking when a Police representative will be able to attend a Parish Council meeting.

Minutes- The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2020 previously circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Min 1602- Chatton Conservation Village- The Chairman welcomed Ian McCaffery Conservation Officer at Northumberland County Council to the meeting. Ian McCaffery spoke to his tabled presentation. He also stated that Chatton does not have a Character Appraisal or Article 4 Direction, and explained if

an Article 4 Direction was in place there would be more restrictions as to what works could take place under permitted development.

A short Q & A session:

- Would it still be possible to get a Character Appraisal & Article 4 Direction- *Yes which the Parish Council will need to fund.*
- What are the benefits of the Character Appraisal & Article 4 Directions- *The Character Appraisal defines the character of the area and identifies what is special, keep the integrity of the village, and gives more powers to Northumberland County Council when considering applications.*
- How much weight does the Conservation Officers comments carry when planning applications are considered. *The level of harm needs to be considered on each application, as well as reference to the NPPF.*
- Can a flagpole be erected within a Conservation Area- *I would need details before providing an answer.*

The Chairman thanked Ian McCaffery for attending the meeting.

Ian McCaffery left the meeting at that point.

Min 1603- Annual Public Rights of Way/Footpaths report- The Chairman thanked the author for his annual report and asked him to update the Parish Council. The report author advised the meeting that he walks and checks the Rights of Ways & Footpaths in the Parish, checking and replacing way marks, as well as checking and undertaking small repairs to styles and removing small trees which block the footpaths etc. He concluded by saying he did have permission from Northumberland County Council to carry out any works which he did undertake. Parish Councillors agreed they were very lucky to have this person monitoring the Rights of Ways & Footpaths within the Parish.

Min 1604- Chatton Village Hall Committee- Parish Councillor I Fiddes informed the meeting that the Village Hall Committee currently has a healthy bank balance, and the year-end accounts are currently being prepared. He also stated that the hall use has increased, the gym is being used, and the speaker nights will be restarting, however the hall has damp problems which includes the kitchen area. The Vice-Chairman reported that a roof survey has been authorised, however the cost for repair works may be circa £20K, which will require applying for grant funding.

Min 1605- BBQ Area- Parish Councillor H Prytherch informed the meeting that they are still awaiting construction to commence. It was agreed to receive an update at the April meeting.

Min 1606- Right of Way- The Chairman and Parish Councillor T Hume agreed to organise a date with Warcup Law to attend their office and sign the Footpath Lease. Parish Councillor J Renner informed the meeting that a water tank is now in place at the allotments. Parish Councillors agreed works to create a footpath would commence at the allotment area first, which will include the installation of 2 wicket gates.

Min 1607- Cast Iron sign- Parish Councillor A MacDonald-Smith agreed to continue working on this subject. Parish Councillors questioned if this could be a project undertaken by college students as part of their course work. Parish Councillor A MacDonald-Smith agreed to look into this option.

Min 1608- Glass Recycling project- Parish Councillors agreed an additional bin is now in situ. However, Parish Councillors asked the Clerk to ask Northumberland County Council again asking if bins could be replaced with larger bins.

Min 1609- Annual Litter Pick- Parish Councillors selected a poster to be used to advertise the litter pick, from the 2 options tabled by Parish Councillor J Renner. Parish Councillors agreed the litter pick will take place on 15th March at 2pm.
The Vice-Chairman to update the member of public who will be organising the litter pickers etc.
The Clerk to update Northumberland County Council.

Min 1610- Financial Statement

- Bank Balance £ 16544.99

Min 1611- Receipts

- The President Estate Farming Partnership £ 753.20 Contribution defibrillator

Min 1612- Accounts for Payment

- E I Hunter £ 96.00 Clerk's February Salary
- HMRC £ 24.00 PAYE February

Min 1613- Planning Applications-

19/04831/FUL- Proposed new two-bedroom dwelling (holiday let) with associated access and parking, replacing the former metal clad agricultural outbuilding- Hetton Limeworks Lowick Northumberland *Parish Councillors agreed to support this application.*

20/00001/VARYCO- Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) and discharge of condition 8 (materials) on approved planning application 18/01017/FUL in order to remove 1 roof light and addition of 1 window- Glendale House New Road Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5PU *Parish Councillors agreed to only raise a concern that they are very disappointed that this is a retrospective application as the slates are already in situ.*

Min 1614- Planning Approvals

19/04768/FUL- Proposed rear extension to replace existing conservatory- 7-8 The Bererns New Road Chatton NE66 5PU

Min 1615 - Correspondence-

1. **CPRE-** Winter newsletter
2. **Resident-** Email raising an issue in Chillingham *Parish Councillors considered the email and agreed this is not something which comes under the remit of the Parish Council.*
3. **NCC-** Public spaces protection order for the control of dogs
4. **NCC-** Local Transport Plan update- *Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact County Councillor A Murray and ask him to support Tillside Parish Council's priorities at the forthcoming>NNLAC*

Min 1616- New publication for Chatton/Tillside- The Vice-Chairman informed the meeting that a new team to prepare the Chatton News are now in place. Parish Councillors agreed to include the following in the next edition of Chatton News:

Summary of the Conservation Officer's report.

Lease for footpath now signed.

Litter pick.

Recycling bins.

Parish Councillors agreed to invite the new members of the Chatton News team to a future Parish Council meeting.

Min 1617 Annual Audit 2019/20- The Clerk informed the meeting that Mr E Rathbone has agreed to be the Internal Auditor for the Parish Council accounts again this year. Parish Councillors accepted Mr Rathbone as the Internal Auditor. The Clerk informed the meeting that to date The Percy Arms have still not presented 2 cheques totally £60, concluding that the cheques are out of date and asked for permission to place a contra entry of £60 on the accounts to cover the cheques which will balance the accounts. Parish Councillors agreed the contra entry of £60 on the accounts to cover the unrepresented cheques, however, Parish Councillors also agreed if they are approached by The Percy Arms in the future in regard to the £60 the Parish Council will issue a new payment.

Min 1618- Bonfire- Parish Councillors agreed this was not a Parish Council matter as the Chatton Village Hall Committee insurance policy would not cover holding a bonfire on the School field.

Min 1619- Christmas Tree 2020- Parish Councillors suggested the most appropriate place for a Christmas tree would be the Village Green, and asked the Clerk to check if the Parish Council's Public Liability within the Insurance Policy would cover the erection of a Christmas tree. Parish Councillors agreed in principle to making a contribution towards the costs.

Any Other Urgent Business.

Min 1620- Highway's works- The Chairman advised the meeting that Chatton Shop had been in contact with him raising concerns how the latest roadworks in Chatton had made an impact on their business. He went on to say even though the

Parish Council had already emailed Northumberland County Council Highway's Department and received a reply, he felt another email/letter should be sent to Northumberland County Council Highway's Department again raising concerns about the current lack of communication ahead of proposed works and requesting that in the future at least the Parish Council and local businesses receive notification of forthcoming roadworks which will impact on the Chatton Shop and Pub. Parish Councillor D Douglas suggested sending a letter to the CEO of Northumbrian Water. Parish Councillors agreed the Chairman draft a email/letter for Parish Councillors to agree.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 9th April 2020 at 7pm

Agenda Items for April meeting must be received by 31st March 2020

Chairman _____ Date _____

Ch's Initials _____