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**Minutes of Tillside Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 8th February 2024
in Chatton Village Hall Commencing at 7pm**

Present: Chairman A Macdonald-Smith, Vice-Chairman H Prytherch.

Parish Councillors: M Strother, N Petronelli-Stone, R Tebay, R Ord, H Ray, I Straughan
R Brown. I Brown & J Renner (after Min 2033)

County Councillor M Mather

1 member of the public.

Clerk I Hunter

Public Question time: - None.

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillors D Spours, A Wrangham, & T Faa-Thompson,

Declaration of Interest: None

Request for Dispensation: None

Community Police: The Clerk read out the following report:

Crimes – 2 crimes since the last report was sent. Neither of which have involved anyone outside of the people involved with no risk to anyone else.

Incidents - 6 incidents in the area since but no raised risk of concern to anyone. Only one to make you aware of was a report of poaching/hare coursing in the area at the end of January.

On the back of this just to remind anyone seeing vehicles in locations where the occupants are suspected of committing wildlife/rural offences to contact the police through the appropriate means.

Community - From a community perspective there is nothing to update you on.

Minutes- The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th January 2024 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 2031- Speed warning sign- The Vice-Chairman reported that the speed warning sign is packaged up ready to be returned to the supplier to be checked. However, he had been unable to obtain a response from the supplier. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk try to make contact with the supplier.

Min 2032- Financial Statement

• Bank Balance £ 20599.69

Min 2033- Accounts

Payments: Parish Councillors agreed the following payments

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| • E I Hunter | £ 96.00 | Clerk's Salary February |
| • HMRC | £ 24.00 | PAYE February |
| • E I Hunter | £ 23.86 | Expenses |
| • A Wrangham | £ 175.80 | Battery – East Lilburn defibrillator |

Parish Councillor J Renner joined the meeting at that point.

Min 2034- Chatton Village Hall-

- Parish Councillor I Straughan provided the following verbal updates:
 - 1- The Chatton Village Hall Committee had considered the terms within the updated lease, and stated they would like a copy of the lease signed by both parties to be used for grant funding applications.
 - 2- The agreement between Tillside Parish Council and Chatton Village Hall Committee will be considered at the next Chatton Village Hall Committee meeting.
 - 3- She provided an update on the grant funding applications and outcomes, thanking the Parish Council for their contribution to the legal fees for the revised lease.
 - 4- The playground will officially be opened on 24th March by the Duchess of Northumberland. The play equipment will be inspected on both a weekly & quarterly basis and members of Chatton Village Hall Committee will be able to view the inspection results on an App they can download. There will be a maintenance day on 17th March please come along and help if you can spare 1-2 hours.
 - 5- The Friends of Chatton Village Hall funding page is up and running.
 - 6- Chatton Village Hall Committee are looking for a 19kg red gas bottle if anybody has a spare one.
 - 7- A new Heritage Project Day is being organised.
 - 8- Chatton Village Hall Committee will be represented at the Glendale Community Resilience Day on 12th March.
- Parish Councillors agreed to defer the signing of agreement between Tillside Parish Council and Chatton Village Hall Committee until the April meeting.

Min 2035- Planning Approvals

22/04316/FUL- Demolition of existing cottage and construction of replacement house- Joiners Cottage Old Road Chatton NE66 5PX

23/04046/FUL- Erection of timber garage and summer house to the side, together with a timber summer house in the garden to the rear- 2 Old School Lane Chatton Northumberland NE66 5PB

Min 2036- Defibrillators

- Parish Councillors considered and agreed the replacement of the battery on the East Lilburn defibrillator.
- Parish Councillors agreed the payment of £175.80 to Parish Councillor A Wrangham for the East Lilburn defibrillator battery.
- The Chairman reminded Parish Councillors approval for expenditure needs to be agreed by Parish Councillors ahead of any purchase.

- Parish Councillor N Petronelli -Stone suggested the Parish Council purchase a defibrillator for the Chillingham area. There was a discussion on how and when defibrillators are accessed and used. The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Parish Council would be responsible for the future maintenance costs i.e. replacement pads & batteries. Parish Councillors agreed the Chairman undertake research into the use of QR Codes to allow people to make donations towards the maintenance of the defibrillators, and report back to the April meeting.

Min 2037- Litter Bin- Parish Councillors agreed not to purchase a litter bin for the lay-by at Chatton Bridge area, because Northumberland County Council will not service the litter bin, as their policy is to encourage people to take litter home.

Min 2038- Public footpaths & Rights of Ways

- Parish Councillors considered the annual report prepared by a volunteer
- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk ask the volunteer to copy the Parish Council into future correspondence he has with Northumberland County Council Footpath's Officer, as well as keeping the Parish Council up to date.
Parish Councillor N Petronelli-Stone agreed to speak to her contact who is responsible for the Lodge Plantation as parts of that Public Footpath across this area is still blocked from Storm Arwen.

Min 2039- Book Box

- The Chairman advised the meeting that at the site meeting the Parish Council agreed that A Fairnington would undertake the repairs to the book box which are nearly complete, and Glendale Connect would organise the relocation of the post.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact Glendale Connect requesting an update when the post had been relocated, and Parish Councillors will organise the reinstatement of the book box once the post is in situ.

Min 2040- Correspondence

- **NCC-** Email invite to Town & Parish Council Conference 14/3. The Chairman & Vice-Chairman to consider attending the conference.
- **Glendale Community Resilience Forum-** next date for meeting 12th March. The Chairman & Vice-Chairman to consider attending the forum.
- **NCC-** Email update on Household Waste Recovery Centre-household DIY waste change

Min 2041- Annual Audit 2023/24

- Parish Councillors agreed Mr E Rathbone as the Internal Auditor for the 2023/24 Parish Council Accounts
- Parish Councillors undertook the annual review of the Asset Register and agreed it was up to date.

Min 2042- County Councillor updates- County Councillor M Mather provided the following updates:

- **Northumberland County Council budget-** There will be £4.55m in the budget for repairs to rural U & C roads.

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There is to be an additional £7m from Central Government for highways.
The Powburn Depot is to receive £470K.

- **Community Resilience Event-** He provided a summary of what will be happening on 12th March and encouraged the Parish Council to send a representative. C
- **Cost of living crisis-** There had been an increase in people requesting support from the foodbank in the Wooler area, and asked Parish Councillors if they know anybody who may need any help/support please ask them to contact Northumberland County Council Communities Together who can sign post residents for help and support. C
- **Leisure Centres-** There will be a new operator running the Northumberland Leisure Centres in 2024, and it is hoped that they will increase their links with the community in the rural areas. However, I would like to thank Active Northumberland who have been a good partner to Northumberland County Council. L
- **Town & Parish Councils-** The Leader of Northumberland County Council is supportive of Town & Parish Councils and wishing to strengthen the links. I am also asking if Northumberland County Council could provide a list of FAQs for Clerks to have to hand for reference purposes i.e. if a Parish Council becomes inquorate. T
- **Training-** NALC has organised a training evening at Glendale Gateway Centre on 14th March. T
Parish Councillors asked if there were any updates on the Percy Arms. County Councillor M Mather reported that there were no updates.

Min 2043- Chatton News- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk draft an update on the defibrillators for the Chatton News:

Any Other Urgent Business.

Min 2044- Smart metering- The Vice-Chairman asked if a network could be installed to allow for smart meters to be installed in the Chatton area. County Councillor M Mather agreed to investigate if this was a possibility. Parish Councillors agreed to receive an update at the April meeting if County Councillor M Mather had any updates to report.

Date of the next Parish Council meetings 11th April 2024

Parish Councillor I Brown submitted his apologies for April meeting

Chairman _____ Date _____

Ch's Initials _____