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**Minutes of Tillside Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th February 2025
in Chatton Village Hall Commencing at 7pm**

Present: Chairman A Macdonald-Smith, Vice-Chairman H Prytherch
Parish Councillors: T Faa-Thompson, R Ord, N Petronelli-Stone,
D Spours, & R Tebay.
County Councillor M Mather.
1 member of the public.
Clerk I Hunter

Public Question time: - None

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillors I Brown, R Hamilton, H Ray, J Renner, M Strother, &
A Wrangham.
County Councillor C Hardy
The Clerk reported that she had received an email today from Parish
Councillor R Brown resigning from Tillside Parish Council.
Parish Councillors accepted the resignation from Parish Councillor R
Brown and agreed to display the vacancy notice.

Declaration of Interest: None

Request for Dispensation: None

Community Police: The Clerk advised the meeting that no report had been received.
Parish Councillors asked the Clerk to check with the Police to see if the lack of a report
was an omission.
County Councillor M Mather provided a summary from the meeting with the Police and
Parish Council representatives for Wooler Ward:

- 8 Parish Councils were represented.
- Inspector J Swan was unable to attend, however Sergeant D Budge and local Police
Officers were in attendance.
- The Police had provided an update on the changes in the way the area is policed
which included that the Police are now more proactive via the use of response cars.
- The incidents within the Wooler Ward are low, however any crimes within a parish
will be shared with neighbouring parishes to make sure everybody is kept up to
date.
- The confidential chat did not take place as Inspector J Swan was not in attendance.
- The Police agreed to provide improved reports to Parish Councils, and so far,
Parish Councils have been receiving reports on a regular basis.
- The meetings between the Police & Parish Councils within the Wooler Ward will
continue on a 6-monthly basis.

Minutes- The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2025 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-

Min 2156- Public footpaths & Rights of Ways

- Parish Councillors considered the annual report prepared by a volunteer
- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk ask the volunteer if they are able to use What3Words to help Parish Councillors identify the locations referred to in the report.

Min 2157- Financial Statement

- Current A/c £ 5050.98
- Savings A/c Instant Access £ 6000.00
- Savings A/c 95 days Access £12000.00

Min 2158- Accounts

Transfers

- Instant Access Savings A/c £ 6000.00
- 95-day Savings A/c £12000.00

Payments

- E I Hunter £ 96.00 Clerk's Salary- February
- HMRC £ 24.00 PAYE - February
- E I Hunter £ 12.31 Expenses

Parish Councillors agreed the above payments.

Min 2159- Chatton Village Hall -

- The Chairman asked Parish Councillors for their agreement that the Parish Council be the applicant for the planning application for the air source heat pumps for the Village Hall.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Chairman on behalf of Tillside Parish Council be the named applicant for the planning application
- Parish Councillor R Tebay advised the meeting that Chatton Village Hall Committee will cover all costs involved within the planning application, therefore there will be no costs incurred by Tillside Parish Council.
- The Chairman asked Parish Councillors for their agreement for him to countersign the letter on behalf of Tillside Parish Council which is to be sent to Northumberland Estates -Re request for rent reduction.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Chairman on behalf of Tillside Parish Council could countersign the letter to Northumberland Estates.
- Parish Councillor R Tebay advised the meeting that Chatton Village Hall Committee will be waiving the Parish Council's annual room hire charge, due to the support the Parish Council have provided to Chatton Village Hall Committee over the past year.
- Parish Councillor R Tebay advised the meeting that Chatton Village Hall will be closed whilst the electricity & heating works are undertaken.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact the Chatton Village Hall Committee Secretary after the Parish Council elections in May to organise an informal get-together.

Min 2160- Planning Approvals

24/03279/FUL- Change of use from private hall to residential 2 bed dwelling (self/custom build)- Hetton Steads Hall Hetton Steads Lowick Northumberland TD15 2UL.

24/04284/LBC- Listed Building Consent for installation of solar panels on rear of property- 6 East Horton Cottages Wooler NE71 6EZ.

24/04283/FUL- Installation of solar panels on rear of property- 6 East Horton Cottages Wooler Northumberland NE71 6EZ.

Min 2161- Planning Withdrawals

24/01210/FUL- Installation of 5no geodesic dome glamping pods. Works include car park, footpaths, water & power supply, waste removal, refuse store and sewage treatment plant- Land West of Fowberry Tower Chatton

24/01211/LBC- Listed building consent for Installation of 5no geodesic dome glamping pods with hot tubs. Works include car park, footpaths, water & power supply, waste removal, refuse store and sewage treatment plant- Land West of Fowberry Tower Chatton.

Min 2162- Planning Application

25/00406/VARYCO- Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on approved application 24/02082/FUL to allow for additional windows to South elevation and solar panels to be added to South elevation roof of extension- 2 Church Hill Chatton Northumberland NE66 5PY. Parish Councillors considered this planning application and agreed to submit No Comments to this planning application.

Min 2163- Correspondence

- **Resident-** Email x 2 – Concerns on access to Right of Ways. Parish Councillors noted the 2 emails and agreed the Clerk reply to the resident asking them to report the issues on fix my street in the 1st instance.
- **NCC-** DMMO (No4) 2020- RB Nos 29 & 6 (Parishes of Chatton & Doddington) not confirmed.
- **NCC-** Email- Information on Northumberland Wheeled Action Sports Survey.

Min 2164- Local Issues

- Parish Councillors agreed the first step would be that residents in Chillingham undertake further research into what is involved in owning and managing a towable grit spreader for Chillingham i.e. costs, who will be responsible for the insurance cover, who will be responsible for purchasing and storing the grit etc. Parish Councillors also, agreed an application could be submitted to the local windfarm fund to purchase a towable grit spreader.
- County Councillor M Mather agreed to ask Northumberland County Council to see if Chillingham could be added to the secondary gritting route for 2025. He also, advised the meeting that if the road need clearing & gritting during the winter to report it on fix my street, as fix my street is monitored 24/7 during bad weather.

- Parish Councillors noted Parish Councillor R Hamilton was not in attendance therefore there was no update on his investigation on a 30mph speed limit for Chillingham
- County Councillor M Mather reported that Northumberland County Council Highways Officers had again stated that Chillingham does not meet the criteria for 30mph, as there are not 20+ houses with frontage onto the road and it needs to be at least 600mtrs long. He concluded by saying the last speed check recorded the speed through Chillingham as being between 24-34 mph, with an average speed of 29.4mph.

Min 2165- Annual Audit 2024/25

- Parish Councillors agreed that Mr E Rathbone would be the Internal Auditor for the 2024/25 Parish Council Accounts
- Parish Councillors undertook the annual review of the Asset Register and agreed it was up to date.

Min 2166- County Councillor updates- County Councillor M Mather provided the following updates:

VE Day Celebrations- There is funding available if groups are organising local events.

Bus meeting- The public consultation meeting in Wooler on 28th January went well, and the majority of the people in attendance were happy with the bus service.

Storm-Update from recent storm

- 56 schools were closed,
- Buses were not running
- 124 trees came down.
- There was storm damage and road traffic accidents.
- Northern Powergrid reported 12,000 properties lost power.
- Northern Powergrid are investigating issues raised during the storm, noting cases where residents were isolated.
- Village Halls, Fire Stations & Leisure Centres were available for people who lost power.
- Northumberland County Council are investigating Scottish Power as there were issues with lack of information etc.
- Residents on the priority list with power suppliers need to re-register annually.

Chatton Bridge- There is to be another site meeting on 17th February, to ensure officers are ready to progress works as soon as all the permissions are in place.

Housing- Northumberland County Council are reviewing the Homefinder & the Housing/Homeless Policy to ensure it is up to date, as well as strengthen the local & rural connection element.

All providers will need to sign up to Homefinder.

The lowest band will be removed from Homefinder as this is where people have no need for a house and are adequately housed.

Min 2167- Chatton News-Parish Councillors agreed to place the following items in Chatton News:

- Please remember if you are on the priority list with your power supplier you must re-register annually to remain on the priority list.
- Potholes, issues with footpaths, streetlights and many other Northumberland County Council services can be reported on fix my street.

Any Other Urgent Business:

Min 2168- Railings east of Chatton Bridge - The Vice-Chairman reported that the railings at Chatton Bridge coming from Belford had been damaged by a vehicle, stating that he had reported the issue on fix my street.
County Councillor M Mather agreed to have the Northumberland County Council Highway's Officers look at the situation when they are on site on 17th February.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 10th April 2024.

Chairman_____ Date _____

Ch's Initials _____