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**Minutes of Tillside Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2023
in Chatton Village Hall Commencing at 7pm**

Present: Chairman M Strother,
Parish Councillors: I Straughan, H Prytherch, I Fiddes, R Tebay, & R Ord
County Councillor C Hardy
1 member of the public.
Clerk I Hunter

Public Question time: - None

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillors A Wrangham, I Brown, D Spours, J Renner,
A McaDonald-Smith & H Scrivens,
County Councillor M Mather
Parish Councillors agreed leave of absence for Parish Councillor A
Wrangham until the April meeting
Parish Councillors agreed leave of absence for Parish Councillors A
MacDonald-Smith & H Scrivens until the February meeting

Declaration of Interest: None

Request for Dispensation: None

Community Police: The Clerk read out the following report:
Literally nothing to report this month for either parish. No crimes in either locality and
no incidents of note in relation to vulnerability or that would cause community tension
to rise.
Parish Councillors stated there had been a theft.

Minutes- The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th November 2022 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 1885-Gateway signage to Chillingham- The Chairman advised the meeting that County
Councillor M Mather is chasing this up with Northumberland County Council.

Min 1886- Parish Councillor resignation

- Parish Councillors received the resignation of Parish Councillor T Hume, and agreed the Clerk send an email thanking him for his hard work as a Parish Councillor, and the support from Lilburn Estates which has been appreciated.
- Parish Councillors ratified the display of the vacancy notice.

- Parish Councillors agreed the Vice-Chairman take on the roll of placing the agendas, minutes and any notices on the Lilburn noticeboard.

Min 1887- Defibrillator

- Parish Councillors ratified the purchase of the replacement pads for the Hetton defibrillator
- Parish Councillors agreed the payment of £118.80 to N & C Geertzema for the replacement pads.

Min 1888- Financial Statement

- Bank Balance £ 29876.32
Including £2K for Covid -19 Contingency fund
£9K play equipment funding.

Min 1889- Accounts

Payments

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| • E I Hunter | £ 96.00 | Clerk's December Salary |
| • HMRC | £ 24.00 | PAYE December |
| • S A Douglas | £ 600.00 | Grass cutting |
| • E I Hunter | £ 96.00 | Clerk's January Salary |
| • HMRC | £ 24.00 | PAYE January |
| • E I Hunter | £ 75.33 | Expenses |
| • N & C Geertzema | £ 118.80 | Defibrillator pads |

Min 1890- Chatton Village Hall- Parish Councillor I Fiddes provided the following updates:

- The accounts & maintenance are up to date
- The gym has a new machine
- Grants: Northern Powergrid
Acre/platinum fund
- The Village Hall Committee are meeting Louise Currie from CAN on 1st February to discuss funding.
- A consultant is preparing a report looking at access, & toilet provision etc. The kitchen also needs to be refurbished.
- We will be attending a meeting about grant funding on 24th January at Ellingham Village Hall, which is in relation to the playground.
- Chatton Village Hall is registered as an emergency rest centre; however, the Hall Committee may not progress a warm hub space at the present time.

Min 1891- Planning Applications- Parish Councillors ratified the Parish Council's submission of support to the following planning applications by a majority vote:

22/04149/MAST-Notification of prior approval for a lattice tower and equipment cabinets with ancillary development- Land At Wilson's Corner Amerside Law Farm Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5RF

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

Min 1892- Planning Approval

22/04149/MAST-Notification of prior approval for a lattice tower and equipment cabinets with ancillary development- Land At Wilson's Corner
Amerside Law Farm Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5RF

Min 1893- Correspondence

- **NCC-** Invite to Recycling Centre West Sleekburn
- **DEFRA-** Holding response Highly Protected Marine Areas Consultation
- **Northumberland & Newcastle Society-** Northumberland Sandstone Ridges & Vales: A Valued Landscape Technical Report January 2022

Min 1894- Projects- Parish Councillor R Tebay provided the following update on the benches:

- Chillingham Wild Cattle Association are 50% funding a bench for a location they agree
- Chatton Village Hall Committee are 50% funding a bench to be located at the Village Hall.
- Lilburn Estates are dealing directly with T Fiddes on a bench for the Lilburn area
- A bench for the St Cuthbert's area and a bench for the Holburn area are to be jointly funded by County Councillors M Mather & C Hardy

Parish Councillor I Fiddes advised the meeting that each bench is to reflect the location where it is sited, and they will all be branded once all benches are in situ. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk send an invoice to the Chillingham Wild Cattle Association & Chatton Village Hall for 50% cost of a bench each. A further update will be received at the February meeting.

Min 1895- Playground Group- Parish Councillor H Prytherch advised the meeting that the group are starting a just giving page to raise the final £10K to allow the project to progress.

Parish Councillor H Prytherch agreed to speak to the members of the group to ensure the Northumberland County Council monitoring form is completed before the end of February 2023.

Min 1896- Consultations

- Parish Councillors agreed not to respond to the current consultation from Northumberland County Council Enforcement Strategy Consultation.
- Parish Councillors agreed to defer responding to the current consultation Phase 2 Consultation on Education in the Berwick Partnership, until the February meeting, as County Councillor M Mather is attending the Wooler drop event tonight and may be able to provide further updates at the February meeting.

Min 1897- County Councillor updates- County Councillor C Hardy provided the following updates:

There is a Town & Parish Council conference in Alnwick on 16th January if the Parish Council would like to attend.

If the Parish Council has several highway's issues Northumberland County Council Highway's officers will attend a site meeting to look at all the issues.

Min 1898- Budget 2023/24

- Parish Councillors considered the previously circulated draft budget

- Parish Councillors agreed a budget of £4500 for 2023/24
- Parish Councillors agreed not to increase the precept; therefore, it was agreed the precept for 2023/24 would be £4500.

Min 1899- Parish Clerk's pension review

- Following advice from the Parish Clerk, Parish Councillors agreed not to provide a pension for the Parish Clerk.

Min 1900- Chatton News- Parish Councillors agreed the following to be included in the next edition of the Chatton News:

- Benches update
- Parish Councillor vacancy for Lilburn Ward
- Thank you to T Hume for his work as a Parish Councillor
- Reminder of the Phase 2 Consultation on Education in the Berwick Partnership, encouraging people to complete the consultation. Also, if anybody has any questions in relation to the consultation, please County Councillors M Mather & C Hardy.

Any Other Urgent Business.

Min 1901- Overgrown hedges- Parish Councillor H Prytherch asked if there were any updates on the overgrown hedge he had raised. The Clerk responded that it is being dealt with.

Min 1902- Fowberry bridge- Parish Councillor I Straughan raised concerns that the bridge has not been repaired as well as drivers are ignoring the signage. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk report the matter to Northumberland County Council Bridges Department and CC County Councillors M Mather & C Hardy.

Min 1903- Street lights- Parish Councillor H Prytherch advised the meeting that 2 streetlights are out on Mill Hill. He agreed to send the numbers to the Clerk to allow her to report the issues. Parish Councillors were advised anybody can report streetlights not working potholes etc on the Northumberland County Council website.

Min 1904- Pavements- Parish Councillor H Prytherch reported that the footpath on the south side of Old Road Chatton is covered in moss. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk report this to Northumberland County Council Highways Department.

Min 1905- Chatton bridge- Parish Councillor R Ord raised concerns that there is a stone out of the wall near the bridge, and the wall needs to be repointed in places from the BT exchange box to the bridge. The Chairman agreed to contact County Councillor M Mather on this subject.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 9th February 2023.

Parish Councillor I Straughan submitted her apologies for the February meeting

Chairman _____ Date _____