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**Minutes of the Virtual Tillside Parish Council Meeting
held on Thursday 8th July 2021 Commencing at 19.00**

Present: Chairman M Strother, Vice-Chairman R Tebay
Parish Councillors: H Prytherch, I Fiddes, A MacDonald-Smith,
T Hume, I Straughan T Faa-Thompson, A Wrangham, J Renner, R Ord, & D Spours.
County Councillors M Mather & C Hardy
4 members of the public.
Clerk I Hunter

Apologies for Absence: None

Declaration of Interest: The Chairman, Vice-Chairman & Parish Councillor H Prytherch declared a personal & prejudicial interest in Planning Application No 21/02060/FUL.

County Councillor C Hardy informed the meeting that he would not take part in Agenda Item 16 as he is Vice-Chairman of North Northumberland County Council Planning Committee

County Councillor M Mather informed the meeting that he would only make general planning comments if required and not comment on any specific planning applications.

Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor T Hume would Chair Agenda Item No 16.

Parish Councillors agreed to change the order of the Agenda and consider Agenda item No 16 after agreeing the Annual minutes

Request for Dispensation: None

Community Police: The Clerk read out the following report:

There has been one incident of note (that I can see) since the last meeting
RTC – 1 x vehicle person driving sustained minor injuries.

Minutes- The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13th May 2021 previously circulated were agreed, the Chairman to sign a hard copy.

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The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Parish Councillor H Prytherch & County Councillor C Hardy were placed in the waiting room for the next item.

Parish Councillor T Hume in the Chair

Min 1712- Planning Application-

21/02060/FUL- Outdoor dining facilities consisting of 4 individual buildings with external dining and seating (retrospective)- Percy Arms Main Street Chatton Alnwick NE66 5PS.

The Chair provided a summary of points already raised by members of the public. Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public speak.

The owner of The Percy Arms gave a verbal summary of the situation and the planning application.

Standing Orders re-instated

Parish Councillors debated the planning application, recognising the importance of the pub within Chatton village and the parish.

Parish Councillors agreed to object to the application. The final wording to be agreed via email (as follows)

Parish Councillors agreed to object to the above application in its current format on the following grounds:

- 1- Parking- This application puts further pressure on what is already a problem in Chatton village, with the loss of 4 parking spaces which includes a disabled parking space.
- 2- The application is within a Conservation Area and the complete outdoor structure is not within keeping of a Conservation Area. Therefore, if Northumberland County Council are minded to approve this application one of the conditions should be that there is a short time-limit when the outdoor facilities should be removed, and that no variation application for the retention of the structures will be permitted.
- 3- The neighbouring residents will be impacted by the increase in noises levels and light pollution.

Tillside Parish Council are supportive of local businesses including the Percy Arms, however, Parish Councillors agreed that the planning application, must be an appropriate application for a Conservation Area without having a detrimental impact on the surrounding area.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Parish Councillor H Prytherch & County Councillor C Hardy re-joined the meeting.

The Chairman in the Chair.

2 members of the public left the meeting at that point.

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

Min 1713 (Min 1693)- Footpath at Allotments- Parish Councillor T Hume advised the meeting that the majority of the footpath has been fenced by a local fencer, and it was discovered that there is a sewer in the area. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk organise a letter of thanks. Parish Councillor R Ord informed the meeting that a local volunteer has laid more hard core. The Chairman to meet with Parish Councillors T Hume, R Ord & H Prytherch on site to look at the area which still needs to be fenced. The

Vice-Chairman to include a thank you in the next edition of Chatton News.

Min 1714 (Min1704)- Book box for Chatton- The Chairman informed the meeting that 4 people have offered to look after the Chatton book box, and asked the Clerk to forward the latest name onto Mrs Pannell who was leading the project.

Min 1715 (Min 1715)- St Cuthbert's Cave- County Councillor C Hardy informed the meeting that Lowick PC has had a meeting with officers to consider signage, car parking, vandalism & the area is currently roped off. Parish Councillor T Faa-Thompson informed the meeting that her husband as the local Farm Manager has met with 2 National Trust officers and a Lowick Parish Councillor, and continues to be in communication with National Trust about signage and a local resident is monitoring the car park. Parish Councillor T Faa-Thompson agreed to keep the Parish Council updated.

Min 1716 (Min1706)- Annual Spring Clean- Parish Councillor J Renner reported there was less rubbish this year which shows the tidy-ups are working. The Chairman gave a vote of thanks from the Parish Council to those who took part.

Min 1717- Website/ email account- Parish Councillor A Macdonald-Smith informed the meeting that he will agree a time with the Clerk to carry out the transfer of the email account from BT to Microsoft. Parish Councillors agreed the payment of £9.80 to the Clerk for 3 monthly Microsoft invoices.

Min 1718- Northumberland Estates-

- Parish Councillors ratified that Tillside Parish Council will pay all invoices on receipt from Northumberland Estates for the rent on all leases, and insurance for Village Hall.
- Parish Councillors ratified that the Clerk to issue an invoice to the appropriate organisation on receipt of the invoice from Northumberland Estates.

Min 1719- Financial Statement

- Bank Balance £ 18757.44 Including £2K for Covid -19 Contingency fund.

Min 1720- Accounts

Receipts

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| • Northumberland CC | £ 2250.00 | ½ Annual precept |
| • HMRC | £ 118.52 | VAT refund |
| • Chatton Village Hall | £ 500.00 | 6-months rent Chatton Village Hall |

Payments

• ICO	£ 35.00	Annual Data Protection fee D/D
• Northumberland Estates	£ 500.00	6-months rent Chatton Village Hall
• Northumberland Estates	£ 365.52	Annual Insurance Chatton Village Hall
• E I Hunter	£ 96.00	Clerk's June Salary
• HMRC	£ 24.00	PAYE -June
• E I Hunter	£ 96.00	Clerk's July Salary
• HMRC	£ 24.00	PAYE -July
• E I Hunter	£ 29.22	Expenses

Min 1721- Planning Approvals-

21/00835/FUL-Installation of 4no. antennas, 4no. remote radio units (RRUs) and ancillary electronic communications apparatus on existing 152.92m tower and installation of foul weather enclosure at ground level- Vodafone Communications Mast Chathill NE67 5JD

21/01191/HEGRMN- Hedgerow Removal Notice: Removal of 458m of hedgerow- Amerside Law Farm Amerside Law Farm Track Amerside Law Farm Chatton NE66 5RF

21/01324/VARYCO- Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on approved application 18/03498/FUL due to on site condition of buildings, site details and continued design development during construction phase of works- Land North Of West Lyham Farmhouse Chatton

20/02694/FUL- Proposed development is for the installation of hard standing/grass for parking for the addition of 7 touring caravans use (maximum of 12 only - site already has permission for 5 touring caravans under the Caravan and Camping Club); each hard standing will be 6 metres apart; electric stand and connection will be provided to each site for hook up by the caravan- Chatton Trout Fishery Chatton Alnwick NE66 5RA

21/01179/HEGRMN- Hedgerow Removal notice - remove 1035m of hedgerow- Henlaw Farm Henlaw Farm Track Chatton NE66 5PZ

Min 1722- Highway Issues

- The Clerk reported that the only update on overgrown hedge in Chatton is an acknowledgement. Parish Councillors asked County Councillor M Mather to look into this matter.
- The Chairman to provide the following verbal feedback from site meeting held on 7th July.

The Chairman, 3 Parish Councillors, County Councillor M Mather & Northumberland County Council Highway's Officers visited the following locations and considered the issues at each location:

- 1- Parking in Chatton- Highways Officers asked to provide some suggestions to resolve the current parking problems in Chatton.
Highways Officers agreed to undertake a traffic flow speed survey.
 - 2- Chatton water leaks- Highways Officers to look into the damaged drains at the pub and opposite the shop.
 - 3- Chillingham- Highways Officers recognised the concealed entrances but not keen to formally reduce the speed limit. However, they agreed to look at signage, the main cost will be the statutory legal fees, as well as temporary 40mph speed limit signage. Highways Officers to provide an update ahead of the September Parish Council meeting.
 - 4- West Lyham crossroads- Highways Officers agreed to look at the possibility of changing the priorities and cutting back of the hedges. Highways Officers & County Councillor M Mather to provide an update ahead of the September Parish Council meeting
- The Clerk reported that no quote has been received for the verge cutting in Chatton for 2021. The Vice-Chairman reported that the person invited to tender does not wish to undertake the work.
 - The Clerk asked Parish Councillors to start thinking about what they would like to be considered as possible items to be submitted as Parish Council's requests for the 2022/23 LTP programme. The final decision will be made at the September meeting.

Min 1723- Correspondence

- **Border Consultants Forestry Ltd-** Woodland Management plan Amerside Law Forest. No objections to proposed works submitted.
- **NCC-** Northumberland Local Plan Examination Proposed Main Modifications - consultation
- **Prosper Learning Trust-** Gilbert Ward Academy consultation- a new special free school.
- **Northumberland Estates-** Notification of change of Landlord name.

Min 1724- Lilburn Noticeboard- Parish Councillor T Hume informed the meeting that the Lilburn notice board has been repaired. The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Parish Councillor T Hume for undertaking the works.

Min 1725- Parish Council vacancies- The Clerk informed the meeting that only 1 request has been received from Iain Brown. Parish Councillors agreed to co-opt Iain Brown onto Tillside Parish Council to represent Chatton ward. Iain Brown will become a Parish Councillor after he signs a Declaration of Acceptance form. The Chairman welcomed Iain Brown to Tillside Parish Council.

Min 1726- Chatton News- Parish Councillors agreed the following to be included in the Chatton News:

- New Parish Councillor

- A thank you to the volunteer for erecting a fence and gate at the community garden.
- The Parish Council is working with Northumberland County Council & County Councillors on:
Speeding in Chatton & Chillingham
West Lyham cross roads.
Water leaks in Chatton
- Thank you for volunteers who took part in Annual spring clean.
- Thank you for volunteers who have offered to look after Chatton book box.

Any Other Urgent Business.

Min 1727- Parking in Chatton- Parish Councillor T Hume stated that the current parking problems in Chatton needs to be looked into and suggested the creation of an area to park on the village green as an option. The Chairman replied that the Northumberland County Council Highway's Officers are to report back with other possibilities.

Min 1728- Pot Holes- Parish Councillor T Hume raised concerns about the state of the road in the West Lilburn area saying the potholes have been reported numerous times. County Councillor M Mather suggested that all potholes should be reported on Northumberland County Council website on a regular basis, however, he will also look into the issues raised.
Parish Councillor T Faa-Thompson raised concerns about the standard of the pothole filling in the Hetton area (photo supplied). County Councillor C Hardy agreed to look into this.
The Chairman proposed County Councillor M Mather work with Parish Councillor T Hume on potholes in his area, and County Councillor C Hardy work with Parish Councillor T Faa-Thompson on pot holes in her area. This was agreed.

Min 1729- Chatton & Chillingham Churches- Parish Councillor A MacDonald-Smith informed the meeting that there is now only 1 Church Warden and no minister, therefore, we are in danger of losing both churches, so asked Parish Councillors to spread the word volunteers are required.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 9th September 2021

Chairman _____ Date _____

Ch's Initials _____