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**Minutes of Tillside Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th July 2022
in Chatton Village Hall Commencing at 7pm**

Present: Chairman M Strother, Vice-Chairman A MacDonald-Smith (after Min 1842).
Parish Councillors: I Fiddes, I Straughan, A Wrangham, J Renner, H Scrivens,
D Spours, R Tebay & T Hume
County Councillors M Mather
PC's Curtis Ritchie & Mark Purvis
1 member of the public.
Clerk I Hunter

Public Question time: - None

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillors I Brown, H Prytherch & T Faa-Thompson

Declaration of Interest: Parish Councillors D Spours declared a personal & prejudicial interest in Planning Application No 22/02117/FUL as the applicant.
Parish Councillors J Renner declared a personal & prejudicial interest in Planning Application No 22/02117/FUL.

Request for Dispensation: None

Community Police: PC Curtis Ritchie advised the meeting that there have been no incidents within the last 5-6 weeks. He advised the meeting that he is a member of the rural crime team, reminding members to phone in any details they have relating to poaching as the incidents are happening.
Parish Councillors asked if the Police could circulate the harvest farming update, which reminds members of the public about large vehicles being on the road during harvest.
PC Curtis advised the meeting that he will attend future Parish Council meetings if he is on duty and available.
The Clerk agreed to forward the dates for the 2022/23 Parish Council meetings to PC Curtis Ritchie for information.

PC's Curtis Ritchie & Mark Purvis left the meeting at that point.

Minutes- The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th May 2022 previously circulated were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

Min 1842 -Election of Vice-Chairman for 2022/23- The Chairman proposed and Parish Councillor T Hume seconded Parish Councillor A MacDonald-Smith as Vice-Chairman for 2022/23. Parish Councillor A MacDonald-Smith accepted the position. This was agreed.
Parish Councillor A MacDonald-Smith to sign the Declaration of Acceptance.

Min 1843- Speed Warning sign Chatton- Parish Councillors considered the quotes for a speed warning sign, and agreed their preference would be a sign similar to that on West Street Belford. The Chairman agreed to contact the Chairman of Belford Parish Council to ascertain details of the sign to allow a cost to be obtained.
Parish Councillors queried the £2K charge from Northumberland County Council for the design and installation of the post. Parish Councillors agreed County Councillor M Mather ask Northumberland County Council Highways Programme Department if they would design and install the post for as part of working with the community project.
Parish Councillor H Scrivens asked if the sign would be installed this summer, raising concerns about the speed of traffic going through Chatton and residents using the new footpath in Chatton. County Councillor M Mather responded that the Design team has a long list of works, so once agreed the project will be added to the list of works.

Min 1844-Gateway signage to Chillingham- County Councillor M Mather informed the meeting that the sign is now with the Design team at Northumberland County Council.

Min 1845- Book box for Chatton- It was agreed to defer this until the September Parish Council meeting

Min 1846- Financial Statement

- Bank Balance £ 30195.89
Including £2K for Covid -19 Contingency fund
£9K play equipment funding.

Min 1847- Accounts

Receipts

- Northumberland CC £ 2250.00 ½ Annual precept
- Northumberland CC £ 500.00 Platinum Jubilee grant

Payments

- Northumberland Estates £ 389.02 Annual Insurance Village Hall
- ICO £ 35.00 Annual Data Protection fee
- E I Hunter £ 96.00 Clerk's June Salary
- HMRC £ 24.00 PAYE June
- Resident £ 409.76 Platinum Jubilee
- Resident £ 55.00 Platinum Jubilee
- Shiel & Morrison £ 38.00 Printing Platinum Jubilee
- Resident £ 38.97 Bunting Platinum Jubilee
- E I Hunter £ 96.00 Clerk's Salary July
- HMRC £ 24.00 PAYE
- E I Hunter £ 29.60 Expenses

Min 1848- Chatton Village Hall- Parish Councillor I Fiddes advised the meeting that the Chatton Village Hall AGM will be held on 14th September, and encouraged people to use the BBQ area.

Parish Councillor R Tebay advised the meeting that the Trust Deed for Chatton Village Hall requires a Parish Councillor to sit on the Chatton Village Hall Committee. Parish Councillor I Fiddes agreed to be the Parish Council representative on Chatton Village Hall Committee. This was agreed and will be reviewed annually at the Annual Parish Council meeting.

Min 1849- Planning Applications- Parish Councillors ratified the Parish Council submissions to the following planning applications:

The Chairman, Parish Councillor R Tebay & H Prytherch did not take part in the consideration of the next planning application.

21/04958/FUL- Resubmission - Retrospective application for outdoor dining facilities within car parking area to front. Material amendment to roof covering and part timber cladding- Percy Arms Chatton Alnwick NE66 5PS. Parish Councillors agreed to object to the above application in its current format on the following grounds:

- 1- Conservation Area- The building is not in keeping with the requirements of a Conservation Area
- 2- 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.
- 3- The neighbouring residents will be impacted by the increase in noises levels and light pollution.

22/01936/FUL- Proposed single-storey stone porch with slate roof (amendments to approved application 20/03852/FUL)- Clavering Wooler NE71 6EU. Parish Councillors agreed to submit No Comments

22/02038/VARYCO- Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) on approved application 20/01707/FUL to allow for a change in the building design- Land West Of Tilery Cottage Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5RA. Parish Councillors agreed to submit No Comments.

Parish Councillors D Spours, T Hume & J Renner did not take part in the consideration of the next planning application.

22/02117/FUL- Erection of general-purpose agricultural shed- Henlaw Farm Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5PZ. The majority of Parish Councillors have agreed to submit no comments

Parish Councillors D Spours & J Renner left the meeting at that point.
Parish Councillors considered the following planning application

22/02400/HEGRMN- Hedgerow Removal Notice, Removal of 1,376.53m of hedgerow- Henlaw Farm Henlaw Farm Track Chatton Northumberland NE66 5PZ. Parish Councillors debated the application and agreed to submit no objections. However, Parish Councillors agreed to raise concerns about the significant amount of hedge loss there has been within the parish within the last few years.

Parish Councillors D Spours & J Renner re-joined the meeting at this point.

Min 1850- Street naming consultation- Parish Councillors ratified the submission of No Objections to the following Street naming consultation for 22/01299/SN Old Road Chatton.

Min 1851- Correspondence

- NCC – Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment consultation – 18th July
- NCC- Town & Parish Council Climate change toolkit.
- **Queen’s Hall Art Centre-** Information on adopt an illuminated sheep.
- **Belford PC-** Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 consultation.
- **Healthwatch-** Northumberland Annual report 2021/22
- NCC- Veteran Needs Survey – 31st August

Min 1852- Platinum Jubilee events-

Parish Councillors ratified the payments in connection with the Platinum Jubilee and noted that there is still £458.27 funding available to be used towards legacies. Parish Councillor R Tebay gave a vote of thanks to all volunteers who helped towards the successful events which took place. Parish Councillor R Tebay advised the meeting that canvas prints will be placed in Chatton Village Hall using photos from the events which will be a legacy. Parish Councillor R Tebay agreed to provide an update on legacies at a future Parish Council meeting. Parish Councillor T Hume stated that the whole Parish did well with the beacon lighting on the Thursday night.

Min 1853- Projects- Parish Councillor R Tebay informed the meeting that the bench for Fowberry is currently being milled.

Parish Councillor T Hume informed the meeting that the bench for Lilburn is being designed.

Parish Councillor R Tebay agreed to speak to Parish Councillor T Faa-Thompson about the bench for the St Cuthbert’s cave area.

Parish Councillor J Renner informed the meeting that he had available timber for benches if required, however, he would prefer the timber to be used for bench/s in Chillingham area.

Min 1854- Local Transport Plan 2023/24

- Parish Councillors considered the feedback from the Parish Councils 3 priorities for the 2022/23 programme.
- Parish Councillors agreed to submit the following 3 priorities as the Parish Council’s priorities for the 2023/24 Local Transport Plan.

1. The installation of passing places along St Cuthberts Way from West Weetwood to Horton. This will help climate change and the environment.
 2. The C41 Fowberry Mains Road needs to be resurfaced.
 3. The road from Knockwell to West Lilburn house needs to be resurfaced.
- Parish Councillors asked County Councillor M Mather for help to get the cundy under the road at Warenton cleared as if causes flooding on the road. The issue had already been reported twice both ends of the cundy have now been cleared however, it is blocked under the road.

Min 1855- Vacant properties in Chatton- County Councillor M Mather advised the meeting that the heating in 2 of the properties had been condemned, and the other property is at the letting stage. He concluded that the properties need to be brought up to a good standard.
Parish Councillors agreed the properties need to be repaired and let, and requested a timescale for the completion of the works.
Parish Councillors thanked County Councillor M Mather for his efforts.

Min 1856- Grass cutting- Parish Councillor R Tebay informed the meeting that the person who cuts the grass on the school field has asked if the Parish Council would move to cutting the grass fortnightly instead of monthly. Parish Councillors debated the request and agreed Parish Councillor R Tebay ask Chatton Village Hall Committee if they would share the costs and fund 50% of the grass cutting.
Parish Councillor R Tebay informed the meeting that the person who had been cutting areas of grass within Chatton village had asked if the Parish Council would formally pay for the grass cutting at a cost of £140 per cut. Parish Councillors debated the request and agreed not to agree to the request as the precept raised is to cover the whole of Tillside Parish.
Parish Councillor H Scrivens asked about green bins for garden waste for Chatton. County Councillor M Mather responded to say that green bins are not being rolled out to the rural areas due to the costs involved. However, there will be an event held in Chatton Village Hall to look into the option of composters for properties in the area. He also reported that Northumberland County Council are looking into the rolling out of glass & food waste collections.

Min 1857- County Councillor updates- County Councillor M Mather provided the following updates:
A positive Community Resilience workshop was held on 18th May at Kirknewton in which the Clerk was in attendance. The attendees at the workshop agreed the New Zealand model is the best option. There is to be more joint working and the communications to be improved.
The Berwick School Partnership consultation closes on 12th August and so far, the response from the Wooler area is low.
The 470-bus service has ceased.
The 473- bus service is continuing; however, the route is changing and the prices are rising.

Min 1858- Chatton News- Parish Councillor H Scriven's agreed to submit a report to the Chatton News following the meeting, to cover the following items:
BBQ area
3 Local Transport Plan priorities for 2023/24

Platinum Jubilee
New Parish Council Vice-Chairman

Any Other Urgent Business.

Min 1859- Fowberry Bridge- Parish Councillor I Straughan reported that the bridge had been hit again on the Wooler side. County Councillor M Mather agreed to report the issue to Northumberland County Council Bridges Officer.

Min 1860- Footpath at Chatton Allotments- Parish Councillor T Hume informed the meeting that the perimeter fence had now been completed.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 8th September 2022

Chairman _____

Date _____

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