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**Minutes of Tillside Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th July 2023
in Chatton Village Hall Commencing at 7pm**

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

Parish Councillors: I Fiddes, A Wrangham, I Straughan, M Strother, I Brown, D Spours,
R Ord & N Petronelli-Stone

County Councillors M Mather & C Hardy

2 members of the public.

Clerk I Hunter

Public Question time: - None.

Declaration of Acceptance- Parish Councillor N Petronelli-Sone signed the Declaration of Acceptance and joined the Parish Council to represent Lilburn Ward at that point.

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillors R Tebay, J Renner & T Faa-Thompson.

Declaration of Interest: Parish Councillor H Prytherch & A Wrangham declared a personal & prejudicial interest in Planning Application No 23/02298/COU
Parish Councillor M Strother advised the meeting he would not be voting for the new Parish Councillor as he is named in one of the applicant's applications.

Request for Dispensation: None

Community Police: The Clerk read out the following report:

5 recorded crimes since the last meeting. Two of which were the damage to the windows at the Chillingham and also damage to St Peters church. This appears to have been an isolated evening of damage as both crimes occurred the same evening. There were no leads to assist in identifying the offender/s. Nothing else reported by the looks of it either in the surrounding area either so hopefully there are no further issues. Obviously, I've been off for a while but I've not been made aware of any specific incidents which would raise tension in the community or cause any concern but if I hear of anything further prior to the meeting I'll let you know.
Parish Councillors noted the Police report.

Minutes- The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11th May 2023 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 1962- Parish Councillor vacancy- Parish Councillors considered the applications received from the following 3 applicants for the current vacancy for Hetton Ward:

R Brown

O Bennett

S McDonald

Parish Councillors voted as follows

R Brown – 8

O Bennett - 0

S McDonald - 1

Parish Councillor M Strother did not take part in the vote.

Roger Brown was duly elected to represent Hetton Ward. Parish Councillors agreed Roger Brown to be invited to the September Parish Council meeting and join the Parish Council at that point.

Min 1963- Chatton War Memorial- Parish Councillors ratified the payment of £500 to JP Smith for repairing the stonework & lettering on the Chatton War Memorial.

Min 1964- Village Green- Parish Councillors ratified the signing of the paperwork received from Northumberland Estates to add the Chatton Village Green to one of the existing leases.

Min 1965- Highways updates:

- **Chillingham Signage-** County Councillor M Mather advised the meeting that the gateway signs are due to be installed next week, and the maximum cost to the Parish Council will be £2K.
- **Chillingham site meeting-** The Chairman reported that he along with the Vice-Chairman had met with 3 Northumberland County Council Neighbourhood Service officers to discuss the grass cutting in Chillingham. Northumberland County Council Neighbourhood Services agreed to add the grass area on the corner and next to the War Memorial in Chillingham to the grass cutting route, and spray the footpath. He concluded by saying it was a good meeting and the works were undertaken the next day.
- **Chatton Bridge-** County Councillor M Mather advised the meeting that the drains at the west side of Chatton bridge have been cleaned out and the ones on the east side will be done within the next 2 weeks. Parish Councillors questioned if the pipe to the river had been jetted. County Councillor M Mather agreed to check if the pipe had been jetted as well as obtaining a date for the works up to the tree area.
- **Fowberry bridge-** The works are included in the programme.

Min 1966- Financial Statement

- Bank Balance £ 29351.65 Including £9K play equipment funding.

Min 1967- Accounts

Receipt

- Chatton Cricket Club £ 175.00 Annual rent
- Chatton Village Hall £ 348.80 Annual Insurance - hall

Payments

- JP Smith £ 500.00 Repairs- Chatton War Memorial

- Northumberland Estates £ 346.80 Annual Insurance Village Hall
- E I Hunter £ 192.00 Clerk's Salary June-July
- HMRC £ 48.00 PAYE June -July
- E I Hunter £ 53.73 Expenses

Min 1968- Chatton Village Hall- Parish Councillor I Fiddes provided the following updates:

- The kitchen improvements including 2 cookers are going to cost £9K
- The electrical inspection had been undertaken.
- We hope to be supplied with a generator at times of emergency, which will be plugged in outside.
- The Committee are continuing to look for any funding sources.
- The Bellinger Trust had awarded the Committee £1K to be used for all young people. We have consulted with the Autistic Society.
- The Village Hall Heritage Project is progressing, some interviews had been undertaken.
- There will be music & speaker nights and a harvest festival.

Parish Councillors ratified the issue of the annual Buildings Insurance invoice to Chatton Village Hall Committee.

Min 1969- Planning Applications- Parish Councillors ratified the submission of support to the following Planning Application:

23/01765/VARYCO- Removal of Condition 7 (Highways) pursuant to planning permission 21/03404/VARYCO - Via the S278 process NCC Highways have confirmed that they do not want the 2m wide footpath to be constructed. The remainder of the Condition to be classified as a compliance condition as these works have been completed and approved by NCC Highways- Land East Of Church Hill Old Road Chatton Northumberland NE66 5PX

Parish Councillors considered the following planning application

23/02298/COU- Change of use from offices to residential accommodation- The Steadings East Lilburn Farm Lilburn Alnwick NE66 4ED.
Parish Councillors agreed to support this application.

Min 1970- Planning Approvals

23/00888/FUL- Erection of steel portal frame building for storage of general agricultural produce, machinery and handling of livestock- Amerside Law Farm Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5RF

23/00818/FUL- Proposed construction of steel portal frame general purpose farm shed- Henlaw Farm Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5PZ

Min 1971- Correspondence

- **Citizens Advice-** Request for a donation. Parish Councillors agreed not to make a donation.

- **Resident-** Email dog fouling Hepburn car park. Parish Councillor N Petronelli-Stone agreed to look into the problem and report back to the Parish Council.
- **Ord PC-** Email request for support to send letter to Transport North East – dualling A1. Parish Councillors agreed by a majority vote to support the letter.
- **Belford PC-** Email response from DfT dualling A1
- **CAN-** Information on youth organisations.

Min 1972- New Play equipment- The Vice-Chairman advised the meeting the following:

- There is a £3K shortfall to purchase and install the new play equipment. County Councillor M Mather agreed to use his Northumberland County Council small granting funding to cover the £3K shortfall.
- There has to be an agreement how the ongoing costs will be funded.
- There could be a donation box and/or QR code to allow people using Chatton Village Hall facilities to contribute towards the maintenance and future replacement costs.
- We need to clarify the lease between the Parish Council and Chatton Village Hall.

Min 1973- Benches-

- Parish Councillors considered the previously circulated update report.
- The Clerk advised the meeting that a £250 donation had been received towards the benches.
- The Clerk advised the meeting that currently there will be an approx. £680 cost to Tillside Parish Council.

Min 1974- Local Transport Plan 2024/25

- Parish Councillors considered the feedback from the Parish Councils 3 priorities for the 2023/24 programme.
- Parish Councillors agreed to submit the following 3 priorities as the Parish Council's priorities for the 2024/25 Local Transport Plan.
 1. The B6348 from Chatton Bridge to the junction C40 needs to be resurfaced.
 2. The road from Knockwell to the A697 needs to be resurfaced
 3. The footpath through Chillingham needs to be resurfaced.

Min 1975- Litter pick- Parish Councillors agreed to hold a litter pick at the end of September.

Min 1976- County Councillor updates- County Councillor M Mather provided the following updates:

- **Fix my street** is now live, which is where you can report potholes, blocked drains, overgrown hedges etc, and you can receive updates
- **Rural poverty-** A member of staff had been appointed and will be based in the Glendale Gateway Centre part time for 2 years.
- **Wildfires-** Fire & Rescue Service had a multiagency operation in place to monitor wildfires during the recent dry/hot weather period.
- **Berwick Partnership School reorganisation-** The partnership will move to 2-tier, the final decision will be taken by Northumberland County Council Cabinet on 20th July the report is available on Northumberland County Council's website. This will mean Wooler First School will become a Primary School and will receive £2.8m funding for improvements to the school.

Wooler Middle School will become a family hub with a 0-18 provision and one stop shop.

- **Rural Crime-** Please be vigilant and report any/all issues on 101 or on Northumbria Police website. The Police acknowledge the poor reports Parish Councils receive and have agreed to look into the content of future reports.
- **Northumberland County Council-** Glendale Agricultural Society have received funding to allow them to provide education etc in schools. The Community Chest had allocated 50% of the available annual grant funding, the next round for applications closes on 30th September North Northumberland area is being used as a test pilot for a new way of filling potholes.
North Northumberland Local Area Committee, will now hold monthly planning meetings in either Alnwick or Berwick, as well as bi-monthly meetings where Town & Parish Councils can attend and ask relevant local or general questions or submit questions in writing ahead of the meeting.

Min 1977- Chatton News- Parish Councillors agreed the following:

- The Clerk will submit the Parish Council's report after every Parish Council meeting before 23rd of the month.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Chairman speak to the author of the Chatton News about the future printing of the newsletter.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk provide the following updates for the Chatton News:
 - 1- Nathalie Petronelli-Stone has been co-opted onto Tillside Parish Council to represent Lilburn Ward
 - 2- A representation of Tillside Parish Council met with Northumberland County Council to discuss the grass cutting in Chillingham, and it has been agreed identified verges will be added to the Northumberland County Council grass cutting route.
 - 3- Tillside Parish Council have organised and funded the repairs and re-lettering of the War Memorial in Chatton.
 - 4- The new gateway signs have been installed in Chillingham, a thank you to County Councillor Mark Mather who has led on this project, Tillside Parish Council will make a £2k contribution towards the costs.

Any Other Urgent Business.

Min 1978- Roadside verges- Parish Councillors raised concerns that Northumberland County Council had stopped cutting the roadside verges. County Councillor M Mather responded to say that Northumberland County Council had re-started cutting the roadside verges, however, in future if there are any issues with the state of the roadside verges, please report the issue on fix my street.

Min 1979- Cupboard key- Parish Councillors agreed the Vice-Chairman organise an additional key to be cut for the Parish Council cupboard in Chatton Village Hall. Parish Councillors also, agreed the Chairman obtain a price for a key safe to store a key for the cupboard. The Clerk stated that the safe needs to be secure as we need to ensure the Parish Council documents cannot be accessed by anybody who is not connected to the Parish Council.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Parish Councillors passed the following resolution:

The Council may be recommended to pass a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the media and public from the discussion of the following business on the basis that public discussion may prejudice the Council's position and/or staffing issues may be discussed.

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

Min 1980- The Percy Arms- Parish Councillors considered the recently received planning appeal notification and agreed unanimously to support Northumberland County Council's enforcement notice.

Date of the next Parish Council meetings 14th September 2023

Chairman _____ Date _____

Ch's Initials _____