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**Minutes of Tillside Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th July 2024
in Chatton Village Hall Commencing at 7pm**

Present: Chairman A Macdonald-Smith, Vice-Chairman H Prytherch
Parish Councillors: R Ord, I Brown, D Spours, H Ray, M Strother,
N Petronelli-Stone, R Tebay, A Wrangham, T Faa-Thompson
R Hamilton (After Min 2084)
County Councillor M Mather
3 members of the public.
Clerk I Hunter

Public Question time: - A member of the public raised concerns about the water leak on the Main Street in Chatton, stating that NWL had been onsite today, and had stated it is not their issue. He concluded by saying he had concerns if the water freezes on the road in the winter.

The Chairman proposed the Parish Council consider Agenda No 17 the water leak in Chatton at this point. This was agreed.

Parish Councillors stated that this had been a problem since the houses had been built on Scout Hill, and there had been various site visits by both NWL and Northumberland County Council Highways Department, and so far, nobody had been able identify a permanent solution. County Councillor M Mather stated that Northumberland County Council Highways Department have stated that the water leak is not their responsibility, as there is no road defect. However, Northumberland County Council Streetworks are due to undertake a site visit tomorrow. Parish Councillors agreed the Parish Council write to NWL asking for a history of works which had been undertaken at this location since the installation of the drain for the new houses on Scout Hill. County Councillor M Mather to identify the appropriate contact at NWL. Parish Councillors also, suggested when future investigation works are being undertaken in this area there should be an independent banksman who would also provide a report on the findings.

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillor J Renner & County Councillor C Hardy

Declaration of Interest: None

Request for Dispensation: None

Community Police: The Clerk read out the following report:

Crime and incidents – Pleased to announce there has been no recorded crime in the parish since the last meeting. Incident wise only a very small number of incidents also. None of these will impact on anyone else.

No crime or incidents in the surrounding area that would affect the parish either.
 Community issues – Nothing to pass on this month. No new reports of anti-social behaviour or issues with motorists.
 Engagement – Nothing to pass on either.

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

Min 2084- Parish Councillor vacancy

- Parish Councillors considered the written request received from Roddy Hamilton for the vacancy for Chillingham Ward.
- Parish Councillors agreed to co-opt Roddy Hamilton onto Tillside Parish Council to represent Chillingham Ward.
- Roddy Hamilton signed the Declaration of Acceptance and joined the meeting at that point.

Min 2085- Parish Council Policies

- Parish Councillors considered and agreed to adopt the latest version of the Code of Conduct provided by NALC
- Parish Councillors considered signing the civility & respect pledge provided by NALC. Parish Councillors agreed to approve the pledge in principle stating the Code of Conduct also, includes civility & respect.

Min 2086- Speed warning sign- The Vice-Chairman agreed to provide an update at the September as to whether the speed warning sign is still working.

Min 2087- Financial Statement

- Bank Balance £22147.22

Min 2088- Receipts

- Chatton Village Hall £ 363.50 Annual Insurance for Village Hall

Min 2089- Accounts for Payment

Payments made since last meeting

- Northumberland Estates £ 363.50 Annual Insurance for Village Hall
- E I Hunter £ 96.00 Clerk's Salary June
- HMRC £ 24.00 PAYE – June

Payments due to be paid

- E I Hunter £ 96.00 Clerk's Salary July
- HMRC £ 24.00 PAYE - July
- E I Hunter £ 74.72 Expenses

Min 2090- Chatton Village Hall - Parish Councillor H Ray advised the meeting the only update from the Chatton Village Hall meeting was a request to progress an

informal get together to allow the Parish Councillors to meet Chatton Village Hall Trustees. Parish Councillors agreed to hold the informal get together at 6.30pm on 12th September which is the date for the next Parish Council meeting.

Min 2091- Planning Applications- Parish Councillors ratified the Parish Council's responses to the following planning applications

24/01267/FUL- Proposed accesses (bellmouths) to 3 No. forests incl. Ros Hill, Quarry House and Haughterslaw- Land At Ros Hill, Quarry House And Haughterslaw Eglington Northumberland. *Parish Councillors agreed to object to this planning application on the following grounds:*

- *The proposed accesses are not suitable to take additional large timber HGV's due to its width and current condition. The Timber Transport Forum – Timber Transport Management Plans states the following for an excluded route: Should not be used for timber transport in their present condition. These routes are either formally restricted, or are close to being formally restricted, to protect the network from damaging loads. Consultation with the Local Authority is required to explore alternatives. Also, this planning application should be considered at planning committee.*

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. *Parish Councillors agreed by a majority vote to submit no objections to this planning application.*

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 *Parish Councillors agreed by a majority vote to submit no objections to this planning application.*

Parish Councillors considered the following planning application

24/02082/FUL- Replacement 2 storey rear extension and canopy roof over new side entrance door- 2 Church Hill Chatton Northumberland NE66 5PY. *Parish Councillors agreed to submit no comments to this planning application.*

Min 2092- Planning Approval

24/00983/FUL- Construction of a covered silage clamp- Hepburn Farm Old Bewick Alnwick Northumberland NE66 4EG

Min 2093- Highway's issues

- Parish Councillors considered the water leak in Chatton at Public Question Time.

- County Councillor M Mather provided the following update in relation to the 418 Bus Service.
The 418 has been enhanced using BSIP funding, so we need to do as much as possible to grow demand to make it is sustainable and ensure it continues. The timetable has been revised.
- County Councillor M Mather advised the meeting that there is a 12-week Hoppa bus trial in the Wooler area.

Min 2094- Remembrance Day 2024

- Parish Councillors agreed the poppy netting can be placed on the wall only next to the Chatton War Memorial on the Saturday before the Sunday Remembrance Day Service and removed on the Monday after the service.
- Parish Councillors agreed the purchase of the 2 Parish Council wreaths for Remembrance Sunday.

Min 2095- Defibrillators- Parish Councillor N Petronille-Stone advised the meeting that she had no updates on the possible purchase of a defibrillator for the Chillingham area, along with the future maintenance of the defibrillator. However, she was willing to work with Parish Councillor R Hamilton to make progress. This was agreed.

Min 2096- Correspondence

- **Resident-** Email- Re water leak in Chatton. This was covered at Public Question Time.
- **NNVF-** Email-Request for nominations for the 2024 North Northumberland Voluntary Forum Annual Voluntary and Community Awards.
- **Resident-** Emails- Access issues on local Public Footpaths. Parish Councillors noted the emails.
- **NCC-** Email- Planning training session presentation slides.
- **Forestry England-** Email – Stakeholder consultation. Parish Councillors agreed not to respond.
- **Lloyds Bank-**Email- Reply to bank closure in Alnwick. Parish Councillors noted the email.

Min 2097- The Percy Arms- Parish Councillors noted that the decking had been removed and the pub was up for sale.

Min 2098- Northumberland County Council Polling District and Polling Places statutory review. Parish Councillors agreed not to respond to the review as the proposed changes do not have an impact on Tillside Parish.

Min 2099- Public Footpath No 29- Parish Councillors agreed not to respond to the appeal for Public Footpath No 29.

Min 2100- Local Transport Plan 2025/26

- Parish Councillors considered the feedback from the Parish Councils 3 priorities for the 2024/25 programme, and agreed the resurfacing of Chatton Bank had been undertaken.
- Parish Councillors considered and agree to submit the following 3 priorities as the Parish Councils priorities for the 2025/26 Local Transport Plan programme:

- 1- The road from Knockwell to the A697 needs to be resurfaced
 - 2- The footpath through Chillingham needs to be resurfaced.
 - 3- The C18 from Chatton to West Lyham needs to be resurfaced.
- Parish Councillors again raised concerns about the state of the footpath through Chillingham, agreeing to invite Northumberland County Council Highways Department to another site meeting. County Councillor M Mather agreed to identify which is the correct Northumberland County Council Highways Department and officer to attend a site meeting. The Clerk to organise a site meeting once the correct Northumberland County Council Highways officer had been identified.

Min 2101- County Councillor updates- County Councillor M Mather provided the following updates:

Planning training- Thank you to all Parish Councillors who attended the planning training session delivered by Northumberland County Council's Director of Planning. I hope you found this useful.

Highways- Northumberland County Council Highways Department had attended a recent Scrutiny meeting to explain the filling of potholes. Potholes have to be filled in line with our insurance requirements which mean in some circumstances depending on the size and location, the pothole has to have a rapid repair, however, if the pothole fill fails twice, the pothole is then repaired by a cut out and square patch.

The £5000 trial had proved to be not cost effective due to cost of staffing the process and the short extension of time the repair will last.

Northumberland County Council are undertaking alternative options for pothole filling which is resin & tarmac patching.

If a pothole is within 0.5mtr from the white line in the middle of the road the Highways Department has to submit a road closure application 10 weeks ahead of the works, on health & safety grounds.

The cleaning out of the roadside ditches is the responsibility of landowners.

Northumberland County Council are struggling with weed control this year, however, continue to report any issues with weeds on fix my street.

The fines for fly tipping had been increased and culprits will be named.

Chatton Bridge- Northumberland County Council are still awaiting an agreement from Northumberland Estates for access to undertake the works. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk draft a letter to Northumberland Estates for the Chairman to approve ahead of issue.

Chatton Bank- I continue to raise the wall issue with Northumberland County Council Highways Department.

North Northumberland Local Area Committee/Police- The next meeting will be held on 25th July in Rothbury, Berwick & Alnwick Police will be in attendance, however, the Police Crime Commissioner will not be in attendance. The Police are moving back to smaller commands; however, the police cover in the north area has reduced from 8 officers to 3 officers.

The Safety Partnership Services are looking at local issues.

Min 2102- Chatton News- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk provide the following updates for the Chatton News:

Parish Councillor R Hamilton had been co-opted to represent Chillingham Ward

Local Transport Plan- In 2024 the Parish Council had been successful in having Chatton Bank resurfaced.

The Parish Council have submitted the following 3 priorities to Northumberland County Council for consideration in the 2025/26 programme:

- 1- The road from Knockwell to the A697 needs to be resurfaced
- 2- The footpath through Chillingham needs to be resurfaced.
- 3- The C18 road from Chatton to West Lyham needs to be resurfaced.

Any Other Urgent Business.

Min 2103- Roadside verge cutting- Parish Councillor D Spours asked about the grass cutting of the highway's verges and sightlines in 2024.

County Councillor M Mather explained that the cutting of highway verges now come under the remit of Northumberland County Council Neighbourhood Services, however, this year there had been a delay in procuring contractors. He confirmed works had commenced.

He concluded next year it is hoped to hold events earlier in the year in the hope to attract additional contractors.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 12th September 2024

Parish Councillor R Hamilton submitted apologies for September meeting

Chairman _____ Date _____

Ch's Initials _____