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**Minutes of Tillside Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th July 2025
in Chatton Village Hall Commencing at 7pm**

Present: Chairman H Prytherch, Vice-Chairman R Ord,
Parish Councillors: H Ray, D Spours, N Petronelli-Stone, M Strother, A Wrangham
G Cutter (after Min 2199)
County Councillor M Mather
2 members of the public.
Clerk I Hunter

Public Question time: - None

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillor T Faa-Thompson, I Brown & A Macdonald-Smith
County Councillor P Lambert

Declaration of Interest: None

Request for Dispensation: None

Min 2197- Community Police: The Clerk read out the following report:

Incidents and crimes – Nothing to pass on.

Local Matters- Nothing has occurred locally either which would raise concern in the parish. There was however a theft of a quad bike and a pick up from a farm in North Northumberland at the end of May.

Just to remind anyone in this line of work to ensure their property is properly secured to try and prevent further thefts like this.

Community Engagement – Nothing to pass on this month.

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

Min 2198- Chairman's Annual Report- The annual report was deferred until the September Parish Council meeting, as the former Chairman was not in attendance.

Min 2199- Parish Councillor vacancies.

- Parish Councillors considered the written request from Graham Cutter to become a Parish Councillor.

- Parish Councillors agreed to co-opted Graham Cutter onto Tillside Parish Council as one of the Parish Councillors to represent Chillingham Parish.
- As Graham Cutter was in attendance, he signed the Declaration of Acceptance form and joined the meeting at that point.

Min 2200- Parish Council Policies

- Parish Councillors agreed to adopt the latest version of the NALC Model Standing Orders.

Min 2201- Financial Statement –

- Current A/c £ 6431.02
- Savings A/c Instant Access £ 6022.94
- Savings A/c 95 Days Access £12183.98

Min 2202- Receipts

- Savings A/c Instant Access £ 13.07 Interest
- Savings A/c 95 Days Access £ 92.68 Interest

Min 2203- Accounts for Payment- Parish Councillors agreed the following payments

- E I Hunter £ 72.00 Clerk's Salary-June
- HMRC £ 48.00 PAYE- June
- Bank of Scotland £ 12.75 Monthly service charges x3
- E I Hunter £ 72.00 Clerk's Salary- July
- HMRC £ 48.00 PAYE- July
- E I Hunter £ 73.79 Expenses

Min 2204- Chatton Village Hall

- Parish Councillor H Ray advised the meeting that the Chatton Village Hall Committee continue to work on projects.
She concluded by asking for an update on the informal get together of the Village Hall Committee Trustees and Parish Councillors.
Parish Councillors agreed to have the informal get together on 11th September at 6.30pm as the Parish Council meeting will be at 7pm on the same night.
- A member of the public stated that at some point the play equipment will need to be replaced which will be costly, and suggested the Parish Council could consider making a regular contribution to the fund for the replacement of the play equipment etc.
Parish Councillors agreed to add this to the September agenda.
Parish Councillors also asked County Councillor M Mather if he could ask Northumberland County Council if a Community Governance Review of Tillside Parish Council could be undertaken to allow the Parish Council to move one parish with no wards as this would reduce the current £20k earmarked funds for elections to possibly £5k.
- Parish Councillors ratified the issue of the letter to Northumberland Estates.
- Parish Councillors noted the response from Northumberland Estates to the letter from Tillside Parish Council & Chatton Village Hall Committee.
- Parish Councillors noted all correspondence in relation to the boundary of the playing field.

Parish Councillors agreed to receive an update at the September meeting if the issue had not been resolved.

- Parish Councillor H Ray advised the meeting that there is still an issue of dog fouling on the Playing Field, however, it is not as bad as it was.
Parish Councillors agreed signage should be erected encouraging people to pick up.
Parish Councillors agreed County Councillor M Mather contact Northumberland County Council to see if the Green Dog Walkers Scheme is still active as they may have appropriate signage.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Chairman could obtain 3 quotes, as well as complete and submit an application to the Ellingham Windfarm for funding to erect a fence on the Playing Field

Min 2205- Planning Application- Parish Councillors ratified the Parish Council's response of No Objections to the following planning application:

25/01901/FUL- Single storey side extension. Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof-11 Church Hill Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5PY.
Parish Councillors agreed to submit no objections to this application. However, Parish Councillors have some concerns about the development will have an increasing visual impact of the local area, and it must be in keeping with the Conservation Area.

Min 2206- Planning Approvals

25/01218/COU- Change of use of redundant farm building to buildings within residential curtilage of existing farmhouse for domestic purposes- Amerside Law Farm Chatton Alnwick NE66 5RF

25/01149/FUL- Proposed sun room extension- 3 Chatton Park Bank Chatton NE66 5RB

Min 2207- Planning Withdrawal

25/01312/FUL- Residential annex ancillary to main dwelling- Reddishall Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5RA

Min 2208- Local Issues

- The Chairman advised the meeting that there is currently an issue with smart meter coverage within Tillside Parish.
Parish Councillors agreed County Councillor M Mather contact the Northumberland County Council Officer responsible for INorthumberland to see if they can help with this issue.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk request the 30mph to be repainted at the entrance to Chatton from the east, along with improved signage in that area.
- Parish Councillors noted that the speed wires are still in situ in Chatton.
- County Councillor M Mather advised the meeting that Northumberland County Council Highway Officers had attend a site meeting with him at Broomhouse. The signage options for the Broomhouse area are currently with Northumberland County Council design team.

Min 2209- Correspondence

- **Forestry England-** Email- Consultation on forestry management by 14/7
- **NCC-** Email- Invite to QTS Data Centre Cambois on 30/7

- NCC-Email- Corporate Performance Report + letter from Leader.

Min 2210- Local Transport Plan 2026/27- The Clerk reported that to date no updates had been received from Northumberland County Council.
 County Councillor M Mather – Portfolio Holder for Highways advised the meeting that Town & Parish Councils will be receiving a letter shortly explaining the changes to programme and offering workshops & training sessions for Town & Parish Councillors.
 He explained that the annual request for 3 priority requests will be moved to a request for 3 priorities for delivery within a 3-year period as this will allow Northumberland County Council officers time to design, develop & deliver more of the requested priorities, as currently the annual call for requests limits the available time to deliver the agreed programme.
 15% of the annual budget will be retained to cover any emergency works which may need to be undertaken within that financial year.
 Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact Northumberland County Council Highways & Neighbourhood Services Officers in relation to the footpath works which were promised at the Chillingham, as they still had not been undertaken.
 County Councillor M Mather stated that he supported the Parish Council chasing this issue.

Min 2211- County Councillor updates- County Councillor M Mather provided the following updates:
Chatton Bridge- The access agreement should be drawn up by the end of September. The headwall will be installed and works on the drains to the river will be undertaken after the agreement is signed.
Gov.uk website & gov.uk email addresses- I am currently asking Northumberland County Council Legal & Election Departments if Northumberland County Council could provide this provision for Town & Parish Councils.
Berwick School Partnership- There was an open evening the previous night at Berwick Academy where 4 design options were on display.
 Northumberland County Council continue to lobby the DfE for £13m to be used towards the project.
 School transport will be provided to children to attend the closest school, in the Tillside & Wooler areas there will be the option of Berwick or Alnwick.
Questions: Parish Councillor D Spours asked if there were any updates on the wall on Chatton bank as the retaining wall is collapsing. County Councillor M Mather replied he had no update; however, he would chase Northumberland County Council Highways Department.

Min 2212- Chatton News-Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk provide the following updates for the Chatton News:
 Parish Councillor G Cutter – New Parish Councillor for Chillingham Parish
 There is still a vacancy for the following Parish Councillors:
 1 Chillingham Parish.
 1 Chatton Parish - Hetton Ward
 An update from the Broomhouse site meeting
 An update on works at Chatton bridge.
 Reminder to ask dog owners to please pick up.

Any Other Urgent Business.

Min 2213- Bus stop & shelter Chatton- Parish Councillors raised concerns that the 418 Bus Service is not stopping at the bus shelter, also, bus passengers are unsure of the timings and pickup points for the 418 Bus Service.
Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact Northumberland County Council Public Transport Officers and request markings to be painted on the road at the bus shelter to allow the bus to drop off and pick up, as well as asking for a bus timetable frame to be installed at the bus shelter.
Parish Councillors also agreed the bus shelter is in need of attention. Parish Councillor M Strother agreed to write a brief as to what works are required to be undertaken to the bus shelter.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 11th September 2025

Chairman _____ Date _____

Ch's Initials _____