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**Minutes of the Tillside Parish Council Virtual Meeting held on Thursday 18th March 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,
County Councillor A Murray
1 member of the public.
Clerk I Hunter

Apologies for Absence: None

The Chairman reported that Parish Councillor B Stimpson had resigned from the Parish Council that day due to work commitments. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk send an email acknowledging Parish Councillor B Stimpson's contribution to the Parish Council.

Declaration of Interest: The Chairman declared a personal & prejudicial interest in –
Agenda Item No 13-The Northumberland Sandstone Ridges & Vales – a
Valued Landscape-

Request for Dispensation: None

Community Police: No report received. Parish Councillors asked the Clerk to chase up the
Police for a local contact, to allow the Parish Council to receive reports.

Minutes- The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th January 2021 previously
circulated were agreed, the Chairman to sign a hard copy.

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

Parish Councillor R Ord joined the meeting at that point.

Min 1673- Footpath at Allotments- The Chairman reported that 3 quotes for the erection
fencing had been submitted to Northumberland County Council,
however unfortunately County Councillor A Murray is unable to fund
the works, as he has used up all of his small grant funding.
Parish Councillors thanked Parish Councillor R Ord for the work he had
undertaken on this project.
The Vice-Chairman reported a local builder has agreed to erect part of
the fence which will leave the Parish Council with approx. 40 metres of
fence to erect.
Parish Councillor T Hume agreed to organise the materials.
Parish Councillors agreed to provide the labour.

Min 1674- Speed warning sign for Chatton- The Chairman advised the meeting that Northumberland County Council Highway's Officer has only just provided an update the previous day which has been circulated. The Chairman asked for agreement that he continues to working on this matter as well as the speeding issue in Chillingham which could possibly involve the installation of gateway signage.
This was agreed.
It was also agreed Parish Councillor I Straughan to be included within any discussions relating to Chillingham

Min 1675- Website/ email account- Parish Councillor A Macdonald-Smith informed the meeting that the website is ok. However, he had concerns about the BT email account which does not have a facility to backup emails and went on to explain his professional concerns about the security.
Parish Councillor A Macdonald-Smith reported that there are options available, the costs to the Parish Council would be between £60- £200 per year.
Parish Councillors debated the available options.

County Councillor A Murray joined the meeting at that point.

The Chairman proposed and Parish Councillor A Wrangham seconded that Parish Councillor A Macdonald-Smith upgrade the Parish Council email account, the maximum cost to be £60. This was agreed.

Min 1676- Covid updates- Parish Councillors ratified the payment of £24 to Wooler Parish Council to cover taxi fares for residents who accessed covid vaccinations. Parish Councillors agreed to make the payment from balances, not the covid fund.
Parish Councillors considered the request for a donation from Age Uk, and agreed as an exception to make a donation as Age Uk had provided food parcels & activity packs during covid which has been well received by residents.
The Chairman proposed and Parish Councillor A Macdonald-Smith seconded a donation of £100 this was agreed. Parish Councillors agreed to make the donation from balances, not the covid fund.

Min 1677- Planning Applications- Parish Councillors ratified the comments already submitted on the following planning applications:

20/04430/FUL- Proposed timber garage, timber greenhouse, timber summerhouse and timber shed- Hawthorn Cottage Old Road Chatton NE66 5PX
No Objections submitted.

21/00127/FUL-Development of 2no. residential dwellings including associated access, car parking, landscaping, and ancillary works- Land South Of Joiners Cottage Old Road Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5PX
No Objections
However, Parish Councillors have some concerns in relation to flooding: From local knowledge although the proposed site

may not be marked as within a flood risk area, the area has been known to flood. As evidence to support our comments we will submit photos of the site taken on 6th February 2021. Also, Parish Councillors would the access to the site to be upgraded to the standard required by Northumberland County Council.

Parish Councillors considered the following planning applications and agreed responses.

21/00509/FUL- 5no glamping pods, 2no b&b ensuite rooms and secure cycle storage.- New Weetwood C38 Weetwood Hall Junction To West Horton Junction Wooler NE71 6EX. Parish Councillors debated this planning application and agreed to object to this application on the following grounds:

- Overdevelopment
- The encroachment on neighbouring properties
- The increase in the number of vehicles which will be parked on site.
- Highway- access to and from the site.
- Sewage- the site is in a sensitive area and the current soak way heads towards the Garden Hall.
- The holiday home which had conditions for occupation attached the approval is now being stated as a Manger's dwelling.
- The effect on the Listed Building
- This application does not fit in with the surrounding landscape which includes the Cheviot hills.
- There is a WM Turner painting of the Cheviot hills from this area
- The applicant's previous conduct in relation to previous planning applications for this site.

21/00777/FUL- Proposal to convert attic space to form 2 x bedrooms and bathroom; Internal reconfiguration at ground level; construction of lean to extension; demolition of timber sheds and construction of outbuilding range- The Cottage Weetwood Hall Wooler Northumberland NE71 6EX. Parish Councillors agreed to support this planning application.

21/00048/VARYCO- Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of application 17/03569/FUL - Variations have taken place on site- Land At West Of Broomhouse Farm West Lilburn Northumberland. Parish Councillors agreed clarification is required as to what exactly the changes are before an informed decision can be made.

Min 1678- Planning Approvals-

20/02951/FUL-Proposed orangery-The Old Coach House Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5PY

20/03852/FUL-Two storey extension and porch. - Clavering B6348 Wooler To Chatton Wooler NE71 6EU.

20/04430/FUL- Proposed timber garage, timber greenhouse, timber summerhouse and timber shed- Hawthorn Cottage Old Road Chatton NE66 5PX

Min 1679- Financial Statement

- Bank Balance £ 18113.46 Including £2K for Covid -19 Contingency fund.

Min 1680- Accounts for Payment

• E I Hunter	£ 96.00	Clerk's February Salary
• HMRC	£ 24.00	PAYE February
• Wooler PC	£ 24.00	Taxi's for covid vaccinations
• E I Hunter	£ 96.00	Clerk's March Salary
• HMRC	£ 24.00	PAYE March
• E I Hunter	£ 118.44	Expenses
• Age Uk	£ 100.00	Donation

The Chairman did not take part in the next item
Vice-Chairman in the Chair

Min 1681- The Northumberland Sandstone Ridges & Vales – a Valued Landscape-

Parish Councillors ratified the submission of the following response:

Tillside Parish Council agree with the study and support it. We have noticed a couple of areas that aren't included in the area of high landscape value. Therefore, we agree with **Resolution B**. Could you please supply us with information on what evidence is needed and how to get these areas included.

Many thanks for bringing the study to our attention once again.

The Vice-Chairman proposed he along with a group of Councillors prepare a draft of evidence for additional areas they wished to be included.

It was agreed the group would comprise of the Vice-Chairman, & Parish Councillors A MacDonald-Smith, H Prytherch & J Renner.

The Clerk agreed to re-circulate the latest email from Northumberland & Newcastle Society.

Min 1682- Correspondence

- 1- **Glendale Connect-** Offer of book box for Chatton
- 2- **NCC-** Local Election arrangement information
- 3- **NCC-** Confirmation of Modification Order (No 4) 2020 – Restricted Byway No's 29 & 6 in Chatton & Doddington Parishes.
- 4- **Citizens Advice-** request for a donation. Parish Councillors agreed to follow the Parish Council's normal practice and not make any donations to any organisations.
- 5- **N Estates-** Rent increase
- 6- **Resident-** Brownridge Rifle Range- Parish Councillors considered the email c/w information received that day and agreed the Clerk contact Northumberland County Council Planning & Right's of Way to see if this is allowed and if permissions are required. Also, the Clerk contact the Police Inspector at Berwick to see if this is allowed.

Min 1683-Percy Arms- The Chairman informed the meeting that the new owners had been in contact with him via email in relation to future parking and use of outdoor space. The Chairman agreed to forward the email onto the Clerk for circulation to Parish Councillors.

Min 1684- Annual Audit 2020/21- The Clerk informed the meeting that Mr E Rathbone has agreed to be the Internal Auditor for the Parish Council 2020/21 accounts. Parish Councillors accepted Mr Rathbone as the Internal Auditor.
Parish Councillors reviewed and agreed the Asset Register is up to date.

Min 1685- Chatton News- Parish Councillors agreed the following to be included in the Chatton News:

- Signage- which signs need attention
- A custodian for the new book box in Chatton
- Supporting residents to access vaccinations
- Forthcoming elections.

Min 1686- Public Question time: - None

Any Other Urgent Business.

Min 1687- County Councillor A Murray- The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to County Councillor A Murray for his work as County Councillor and his support to the Parish Council over the years. He wished him well in his retirement.
Parish Councillors supported the vote of thanks.

Min 1688- Local Elections- The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that the election for all Parish Councillors will take place on 6th May.
The Clerk thanked Chatton Shop for accepting the delivery of the blank nomination forms for Parish Councillors to collect.
The Clerk stated that nomination forms need to be submitted between 29th March and 8th April, however, if there are any errors the Clerk needs time to return forms to the candidates to amend and resubmit.
The Chairman proposed that all Parish Councillors return all completed nomination forms to Chatton Shop by 31st March to allow the Clerk to collect on the morning of 1st April. This was agreed.
The Chairman reported the Clerk will remain online after the meeting in case Parish Councillors have any questions relating to the completion of the nomination forms.

Date of the Annual & Annual Parish Council Meeting: 13th May 2021

Chairman _____ Date _____

Ch's Initials _____