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**Minutes of the Tillside Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th November 2021
in the Chatton Village Hall Chatton Commencing at 19.00**

Present: Chairman M Strother, Vice-Chairman R Tebay
Parish Councillors: I Fiddes, T Hume, I Straughan T Faa-Thompson, J Renner, I Brown
D Spours & H Scrivens
County Councillor M Mather
1 member of public.
Clerk I Hunter

Public Question time: - None

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillors A MacDonald-Smith, A Wrangham & H Prytherch,
County Councillor C Hardy

Declaration of Interest: Parish Councillors I Straughan & H Scrivens declared a personal
interest in West House Chillingham Castle appeal notification as they are friends
of the applicant.

Request for Dispensation: None

Community Police: The Clerk read out the following report:

There has been 1 incident and 1 crime for the Tillside area.
Could you also remind dog owners to be in control of their dogs and to keep
them on leads around livestock. Worrying Sheep is an offence and can cause
the sheep an enormous amount of stress which can lead to them dying
of shock. This can also prevent them breeding and cause a sheep to miscarry

Minutes- The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th September 2021 previously
circulated were amended, the Vice-Chairman suggested Min 1737- Local Transport
Plan No 1 should read east-west to north-south. This was agreed The Minutes were
then signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising-None

Min 1750- Chillingham Bridge- County Councillor M Mather informed the meeting that the
bridge is structurally sound, therefore the works are not urgent as the bridge
budget is being stretched. Historic England have been updated and the bridge
will be added to the list of works to be undertaken.

Min 1751- Speed Warning sign Chatton- County Councillor M Mather informed the meeting
that Richard McKenzie of Northumberland County Council will liaise with

him and the Parish Council in relation to the proposed location. Parish Councillors agreed the Chairman, Parish Councillor I Straughan & County Councillor M Mather to continue to work on this subject.

Min 1752- Gateway signage to Chillingham- County Councillor M Mather informed the meeting that gateway/entrance signs are being included within the Local Transport Plan programme. However, he had noticed villages in the west of Northumberland similar to Chillingham with 40mph limits and had asked Highway's Officers to revisit their decision. He agreed to keep the Parish Council updated.

Min 1753- Financial Statement

- Bank Balance £ 20600.79 Including £2K for Covid -19 Contingency fund.

Min 1754- Accounts

Receipts

- Chatton Village Hall £ 500.00 ½ year rent- Chatton Village Hall
- Community Gardens £ 135.00 Annual allotment rent.

Payments

- E I Hunter £ 96.00 Clerk's October Salary
- HMRC £ 24.00 PAYE -October
- E I Hunter £ 96.00 Clerk's November Salary
- HMRC £ 24.00 PAYE -November
- E I Hunter £ 13.05 Expenses
- S A Douglas £ 360.00 Grass cutting

Min 1755- Planning Application- Parish Councillors ratified the submission of the Parish Council's response of No comment to the following planning application.

21/03404/VARYCO- Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) pursuant to planning permission 19/04547/FUL to allow changes to dwelling design for plots 3 and 4-Land East Of Church Hill Old Road Chatton NE66 5PX

Min 1756- Planning Approvals-

21/03155/HEGRMN- Hedgerow Removal Notice: Two lengths of intermittent hedgerow to be removed due to extremely low levels of environmental value- 1 New Farmhouse Amerside Law Farm Chatton Alnwick NE66 5RF

21/03052/FUL- Ground floor extension to east, infill alterations between existing east gables, and new main entrance portico and steps- Lilburn Grange Farmhouse West Lilburn Alnwick Northumberland NE66 4PP

Min 1757- Planning Refusal-

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

Min 1758- Planning Withdrawal-

21/02060/FUL- Outdoor dining facilities consisting of 4 individual buildings with external dining and seating (retrospective)- Percy Arms Main Street Chatton Alnwick NE66 5PS

Min 1759- Correspondence

- **GNAA** – Request for a donation- Parish Councillors agreed not to donate.
- **Samaritans Berwick & Borders-** Poster request for volunteers
- **Playlist for life-** Information dementia
- **Citizens Advice Northumberland-** Information
- **Resident-** Email Re smart meters. Parish Councillors agreed both they and the County Councillor have looked into this and have not found any solutions. Parish Councillors suggested the resident contact CAB for advice. Parish Councillor H Scrivens to report back to the resident.
- **NCC-** Notification of Planning Appeal West House Chillingham Castle grounds x2. Parish Councillors agreed to send a letter of support to the Planning Inspectorate, stating the double-glazed windows will benefit the carbon footprint & climate change. The proposed new windows are sympathetic to the Listed Building. The windows are currently in poor condition and if not replaced the windows & building will deteriorate.

Min 1760- Playground Group-The Chairman informed the meeting that the group are continuing to work on the project for play equipment. Parish Councillor T Faa-Thompson agreed to make contact with the group.

Min 1761 Consultation- Parish Councillors agreed not to respond to the current Statement of Licensing policy consultation.

Min 1762- County Councillor updates- County Councillor M Mather informed the meeting:

- There is still £11k in the Northumberland County Council Community Chest. So far there have been no applications from Wooler Ward and the next round of applications will be considered in January
- Berwick Community Trust are offering renewable energy grants to village halls.
- There will be a Community Together teams meeting on 19th November at 10am, this is to look at ways of encouraging people to use village halls, all Parish Councillors are welcome to join the meeting.
- The winter gritting routes have been allocated following a tendering process, and salt had been delivered. If residents have any issues during periods of snow, please ring 0345 600 6400. In reply to a question on grit heaps, he said he thought this was being discouraged due impact on environment.

- Northumberland County Council are providing 11 new homes on the Chatton road which will be for people with local connections.

Min 1763- Budget 2022/23- The Clerk advised Parish Councillors that they will need to set the 2022/23 budget at the January meeting, reminding them that the Parish Council have 2 defibrillators and the cost of replacement pads are approx. £100 per set.

Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor H Scrivens organise a spreadsheet for the defibrillators to include dates for the replacement of pads & batteries.

The Parish Council could organise a training session for NEAS to host in Chatton Village Hall, as well explaining in the Chatton News possible costs involved in maintaining the defibrillators.

Parish Councillors agreed there should be a separate budget heading for the defibrillators in the accounts, and part of the budget allocated to covid-19 could be used to start the fund.

Min 1764- Chatton News- Parish Councillors agreed the following for the Chatton News:

Defibrillators- Parish Councillor H Scrivens to provide a brief update

The Parish Council's 3 Local Transport priorities- Vice-Chairman

New Parish Councillors- Vice-Chairman

Season's Greetings- Vice-Chairman

Any Other Urgent Business.

Min 1765- Barmoor windfarm- Parish Councillor T Faa-Thompson advised the meeting that at the last Windfarm application meeting there was an underspend of £50k, so she asked people to consider submitting applications.

Min 1766- Projects- The Vice-Chairman reminded Parish Councillors that the Parish Council still has a high bank balance and suggested Parish Councillors have a think of possible projects the Parish Council could fund which can be considered at the January meeting ahead of setting the 2022/23 budget.

Min 1767- Highway Issues

- Parish Councillor I Brown raised concerns about a hedge overhanging the road from Chatton heading towards Chillingham. Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor I Brown speak to the owner of the property with the overhanging hedge.
- Parish Councillor I Brown raised concerns about a broken cundy at the Warenton/Bellshill Road near the finger post. The Clerk agreed to report this to Northumberland County Council
- Parish Councillor H Scrivens raised concerns about the state of the road just past the junction for the Fishery heading towards Belford. The Clerk agreed to report this to Northumberland County Council
- Parish Councillor I Brown raised concerns about the slippery road surface from Chatton to the junction towards Belford. The Clerk agreed to report this to Northumberland County Council

- County Councillor M Mather reported he is willing to meet Northumberland Estates on site to look at the overgrown hedge in Chatton. The Clerk to contact Northumberland Estates.
- Parish Councillor I Straughan advised the meeting that 2 posts at Fowberry bridge had been knocked over. County Councillor M Mather replied he has reported this to Northumberland County Council Bridge Department; however, it will be similar to that of Chillingham bridge.
- West Lyham crossroads- County Councillor M Mather advised the meeting that following the conclusion of the feasibility study at Slaley it looks as the national guidance will be to ask farmers to cut back hedges and widen junctions. However, he agreed to provide an update once he had more information

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 13th January 2022

Chairman _____ Date _____

Ch's Initials _____