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**Minutes of Tillside Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th November 2023
in Chatton Village Hall Commencing at 7pm**

Present: Chairman A Macdonald-Smith, Vice-Chairman H Prytherch.
Parish Councillors: M Strother, N Petronelli-Stone, I Straughan, I Brown, & D Spours,
County Councillor M Mather
1 member of the public.
L Robson- Rural Advocacy & Inclusion Officer
Clerk I Hunter

Public Question time: - None.

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillors R Tebay, J Renner, R Brown, A Wrangham, R Ord &
T Faa-Thompson.
County Councillor C Hardy

Declaration of Interest: None

Request for Dispensation: None

Community Police: The Clerk read out the following report:
Nothing of real note since the last meeting.
There's only been a couple of crimes in the area since the last meeting (parties involved have been identified and don't effect anyone else) and only half a dozen other incidents. These were all weather or traffic collision related.
No reports in relation to poaching or rural crime or anything that would heighten community tension.
Nothing to add from a community policing perspective.
Anything from the meeting let me know.

Minutes- The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th September 2023 previously circulated were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

Min 1996- North Northumberland Rural Advocacy & Inclusion- The Chairman welcomed Lesley Robson to the meeting.
L Robson provide the following summary of her work:

- My area covers the A697 corridor from Chatton north.
- The post has been created as it is felt the Glendale area and rural North Northumberland had been left behind, and there is a lack of understanding of the needs of the people.

- My job is to engage with communities, connect people with the appropriate services, complete a gap analysis, find out what the needs of the people are.
- I am working with the Community Transport Inequalities Officer, who has been employed on 3 years contract.
- I am holding community conversations on topics such as: health, transport, housing, cost of living, social inclusion, digital inclusion, the phone line switchover. These are just a sample of possible discussion topics.
- I am willing to come along to a meeting in Chatton Village Hall if that can be organised.

Parish Councillors asked L Robson if they receive concerns from residents should they be directed to you to deal with. L Robson replied yes if the issues are from community-based groups etc, however, she agreed she could sign post people to where they can get help.

Parish Councillors agreed that L Robson's details should be forwarded onto Chatton Village Hall Committee.

Min 1997- Parish Councillor vacancy

- Parish Councillors noted the resignation from Parish Councillor I Fiddes
- Parish Councillors ratified the display of the vacancy notice
- Parish Councillors considered the 3 requests received to represent Hetton Ward. The Chairman proposed the Parish Councillors vote for the preferred candidate via voting slips. This was agreed.
All Parish Councillors voted; the Clerk counted all votes. County Councillor M Mather checked the votes.
- The Clerk declared that Helen Ray was duly co-opted to represent Hetton Ward. As Helen Ray was not in attendance, she would be invited to attend the January Parish Council meeting, where she will sign the Declaration of Acceptance and join the Parish Council at that point.
The Clerk to update unsuccessful candidates.

Min 1998- Speed warning sign- The Vice-Chairman reported that the speed warning sign is still to be returned to the supplier to be checked.
Parish Councillors agreed this is work in progress.

Min 1999- New Play equipment- The Vice-Chairman reported that the installation of the play new equipment was now complete, and that the play area was open.

Min 2000- School Field

- Parish Councillors ratified the submission of a 5-day notice application for 2 dangerous trees.
- Parish Councillors agreed that Northumberland Estates are responsible for the trees on the school field.

Min 2001- Financial Statement

- Bank Balance £ 22124.67

Min 2002- Accounts

Receipts

- Northumberland CC £2250.00 ½ Annual precept

- Chatton Com Gardens £ 135.00 Annual allotment rent
- Chatton Village Hall £ 548.00 ½ Annual rent
- HMRC £ 115.49 VAT refund

Payments

- E I Hunter £ 96.00 Clerk's Salary October
- HMRC £ 24.00 PAYE October
- E I Hunter £ 96.00 Clerk's Salary November
- HMRC £ 24.00 PAYE November
- E I Hunter £ 32.28 Expenses

Min 2003- Chatton Village Hall-

- Parish Councillors agreed there were no updates from Chatton Village Hall meetings
- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk post the signed Deed of Surrender & Lease etc received from Warcup Law on behalf of Northumberland Estates to Warcup Law.
- Parish Councillor I Straughan agreed to be the Parish Council representative on Chatton Village Hall Committee. This was agreed. The Clerk to update Chatton Village Hall Committee.
- Parish Councillors agreed to defer the signing of agreement between Tillside Parish Council and Chatton Village Hall Committee until the January meeting.

Min 2004- Planning Applications- Parish Councillors ratified the submission of no comments to the following Planning Application:

23/03723/COU- Change of use from offices to residential accommodation for use as a holiday let- The Steadings East Lilburn Farm Lilburn Alnwick Northumberland NE66 4ED

Parish Councillors considered the following planning application

23/03782/FUL-Construction of a new agricultural-tied 4 bedroom family dwelling and detached garage, complemented by accompanying landscaping works-Field South East Of Chatton Park Farm Chatton Park Wooler. Parish Councillors agreed to support this planning application.

Min 2005- Planning Approval

23/02712/FUL- Proposed rear extension to provide extra living accommodation- Cuthbert Cottage 4 Hetton Hall Cottages Chatton NE66 5SD

Min 2006- Planning Withdrawal

23/02298/COU- Change of use from offices to residential accommodation- The Steadings East Lilburn Farm Lilburn Alnwick NE66 4ED

Min 2007- Correspondence

- NCC- North Northumberland Local Area Committee- presentations
- NCC- Email letter from Leader and Who's Who information
- Citizens Advice Northumberland- Invite to AGM 8/12

- **NCC-Email-** Environment Climate fund information
- **National Trust-** October Newsletter
- **NCC- Email-** Re Annual rough sleeper information/return
- **Carers Northumberland-** Information on Carers Right Day 23/11
- **NCC-** Belford Neighbourhood Plan consultation

Min 2008- Noticeboard- Parish Councillor I Straughan agreed to place Parish Council agendas, minutes etc on the Hetton noticeboard. Parish Councillors thanked Parish Councillor I Straughan.

Min 2009- Conclusion of Annual Audit 2022/23- The Clerk informed the meeting that the External Auditor had confirmed they do not issue any updates at the end of the annual audit consultation period.

- Parish Councillors agreed the Annual Audit for 2022/23 is now concluded.
- Parish Councillors approved the Parish Council's 2022/23 Annual Accounts

Min 2010- County Councillor updates- County Councillor M Mather provided the following updates:

- **New play area-** Congratulations, I have received good feedback.
- **Storms-** Northumberland County Council were prepared for the recent storm, lessons have been learned following Storm Arwen. Also, Northumberland County Council Officers appreciated the email thank you for their prompt action during the recent storm.
- **Fix my street-** We are waiting on a report to see how this reporting system worked during the recent storm.
- **Chatton Bridge-** Northumberland County Council receive complaints about when it is decided to close or not close the bridge during bad weather. The gully tanker had cleaned out all the drains in this area 3 times lately. We are still investigating the best solution to connect the drains to the river. Northumberland County Council are going to organise a site meeting with landowners etc to investigate removing the trees and debris from under one of the arches of the bridge.
- **Local Police presence-** I have been advised that there will be no changes to the police presence in North Northumberland. I am requesting Senior Policing Officers attend a meeting with Parish Councils in the north area to discuss the police cover in the north area.
- **Local Transport Plan-** Northumberland County Councillors are meeting next week to discuss all the priorities submitted.
- **Planning training-** I am trying to organise Northumberland County Council Planning Officers to deliver planning training locally for Parish Councillors, and I have asked for the training to include enforcement.
- **Northumberland County Council budget-** The consultation for the 2024/25 budget is commencing, therefore if the Parish Council has any thoughts of what they would like to be included within the budget please let me know. I am continuing to lobby for additional funding for repairs to U & C roads.

Min 2011- Budget 2024/25

- Parish Councillors received an in-year budget update.

- Parish Councillors agreed to start the process of the 2024/25 budget, which included thinking of any items they would like included in the 2024/25 budget.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Vice-Chairman obtain a cost for the grass cutting in 2024.
- Parish Councillors agreed to include funds for the replacement of defibrillator batteries & pads in the 2024/25 budget.

Min 2012- Chatton News- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk provide the following updates for the Chatton News:

- 1- Helen Ray had been co-opted onto Tillside Parish Council to represent Hetton Ward
- 2- There have been some improvements at Chatton Bridge area following recent works. However, improvement works will continue in this area.

Any Other Urgent Business.

Min 2013- St Cuthbert's Statue- Parish Councillor I Straughan advised the meeting that the statue had been damaged again as another vehicle had left the road on the corner and gone through the fence. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact County Councillor C Hardy asking him to contact Northumberland County Council Highway's Department requesting they look to find a solution to stop vehicles leaving the road in this area as a number of vehicles have gone through the fence in this area over the last few years.

Min 2014- Highway signage- The Vice-Chairman advised the meeting that the new sign on Chatton Bridge is loose. County Councillor M Mather agreed to report this to Northumberland County Council Highway's Department.

Min 2015- Highway drainage- Parish Councillor D Spours advised the meeting that the B6348 at Warenton is flooding again as the culvert under the road is blocked. County Councillor M Mather agreed to report this to Northumberland County Council Highway's Department.

Date of the next Parish Council meetings 11th January 2024

Chairman _____ Date _____