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**Minutes of the Tillside Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th September 2021
in the Chatton Village Hall Chatton Commencing at 19.00**

Present: Chairman M Strother,
Parish Councillors: H Prytherch, I Fiddes, A MacDonald-Smith,
T Hume, I Straughan T Faa-Thompson, A Wrangham, J Renner, & R Ord,
County Councillor M Mather
2 members of the public.
Clerk I Hunter

The Chairman welcomed everybody back to the 1st face to face meeting since the outbreak of covid 19.

Public Question time: - None

Apologies for Absence: Vice-Chairman R Tebay, Parish Councillor I Brown
County Councillor C Hardy

Declaration of Interest: None

Request for Dispensation: None

Community Police: No report received at the meeting.
Parish Councillors suggested they would welcome the attendance of a Police Officer possibly twice a year at Parish Council meetings.
The following report was received after the Parish Council meeting:
There was nothing to note.

Minutes- The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th July 2021 previously circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
Parish Councillors ratified all decisions made at the Parish Council meeting held on 8th July 2021.

Matters Arising-None

Min 1730- Ratification of decisions- Parish Councillors ratified all decisions made at the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 12th May 2021.

Min 1731- Website/ email account- Parish Councillor A Macdonald-Smith informed the meeting that email account has been transferred over to Microsoft and emails are being backed up.
Parish Councillors agreed the payment of the monthly Microsoft invoices.

Min 1732- Financial Statement

- Bank Balance £ 18792.82 Including £2K for Covid -19 Contingency fund.

Min 1733- Accounts

Receipts

- Chatton Village Hall £ 304.60 Annual Insurance Chatton Village Hall
- Northumberland CC £ 2250.00 ½ Annual precept

Payments

- E I Hunter £ 96.00 Clerk's August Salary
- HMRC £ 24.00 PAYE -August
- Northumberland Estates £ 550.00 6-months rent Chatton Village Hall
- E I Hunter £ 96.00 Clerk's September Salary
- HMRC £ 24.00 PAYE -September
- E I Hunter £ 67.03 Expenses
- Northumberland Estates £ 135.00 Annual rent allotments
- Northumberland Estates £ 25.00 Annual rent footpath- allotments

Min 1734- Planning Applications- Parish Councillors ratified the submission of the Parish Council's responses to the following planning applications.

21/02637/FUL- Construction of a single storey extension to the south and west elevations- Rose Cottage New Road Chatton NE66 5PU. No objections.

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. No objections.

However, Parish Councillors would like the following condition to be added to the approval notice, if Northumberland County Council are minded to approve the application.

- A compensatory hedge should be planted to replace the hedge being removed.

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. Support.

Parish Councillors agreed to consider the following planning application via email as it had only just been received.

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 1735- Planning Approvals-

21/01444/FUL- New room at first floor roofspace. Modification of utility to form new snug and single storey extension to form kitchen/dining area and utility. New sash windows to existing as shown- 3 Hepburn Farm Cottages Old Bewick Alnwick Northumberland NE66 4EG

21/02637/FUL- Construction of a single storey extension to the south and west elevations- Rose Cottage New Road Chatton NE66 5PU.

Min 1736- Highway Issues

- County Councillor M Mather advised the meeting that Northumberland County Council had sent a letter to the landowner about the overgrown hedge in Chatton. Parish Councillors asked County Councillor M Mather to obtain an update from Northumberland County Council. Parish Councillors asked the Clerk to contact Northumberland Estates to see if they had any updates about cutting back the hedge.
- The Chairman asked County Councillor M Mather for any updates following the site meeting held on 7th July.
 - 1- West Lyham crossroads- County Councillor M Mather advised the meeting that there is currently a feasibility study being undertaken at Slaley for a similar issue, so this will provide a report complete with costings which will be shared with Tillside Parish Council as a starting point.
 - 2- Chillingham- County Councillor M Mather advised the meeting that it was hoped to install an unenforceable 40mph limit, however this is not an option. Also, concealed entrance signage may not obtain approval. Therefore, County Councillor M Mather suggested the installation of a wooden village entrance gateway sign to incorporate the current Chillingham sign, saying “please drive carefully” similar to the one at Powburn could be an option. Parish Councillors asked County Councillor M Mather to see if Highway’s would accept this proposal and obtain costs, there may have to be a financial contribution from the Parish Council. Parish Councillors suggested a red/green speed warning sign could also be an option.
 - 3- Parking & traffic in Chatton- County Councillor M Mather advised the meeting there is no progress.

Standing Orders suspended to allow a member of public speak

The car park signage for the Percy Arms is not clear so clientele do not realise there is an available car park for customers.

Standing Orders reinstated

The Chairman agreed to speak to the Percy Arms Landlord.

The Chairman informed the meeting to use the Village Green as a car park will not create more parking spaces as current parking spaces adjacent to the Village Green will need to be removed.

The Chairman proposed & Parish Councillor A MacDonald-Smith seconded – Tillside Parish Council dismiss the option of using Chatton Village Green as an area for car parking and investigate options to protect the area in perpetuity as a permanent Green Space. This was agreed.

Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk advise Northumberland Estates of their proposal asking if they would support the initiative, before making any progress.

County Councillor M Mather agreed to forward a copy of the Green Spaces form.

- 4- Chatton water leaks- NWL claims the leaks have been repaired. Parish Councillors asked County Councillor M Mather to ask for the hole at the fire hydrant to be closed up.

Min 1737- Local Transport Plan- Parish Councillors considered the feedback from the Parish Council's 2021/22- 3 priorities.

Parish Councillors agreed to submit the following 3 priorities for the 2022/23 Local Transport Plan:

- 1- Change the priority at the Lyham crossroads from north-south to east-west suggesting changing the signage at the junction
- 2- To work with Hetton Estates and National Trust to create a new visitor car park at St Cuthbert's Cave in Hetton using the old quarry to replace the current car park. The new car park will reduce the safety risk to visitors for both drivers and walkers.
- 3- To provide speed reduction measures in Chillingham

Parish Councillors agreed they would like County Councillor C Hardy to support priority No 2.

Min 1738- Conclusion of Annual Audit 2020/21- The Clerk reported that no issues or questions have been raised by members of the public regarding the Annual Audit, this concludes the Annual Audit for 2020/21.

Also, the Annual Accounts are now approved. Parish Councillors agreed the Annual Audit for 2020/21 is now concluded.

Min 1739- Correspondence

- **Victim Support** – Request for a donation- Parish Councillors agreed not to donate.
- **NCC-** Invite for Parish Councillors to meet with a Cabinet member. Parish Councillors agreed to invite the Leader of Northumberland County Council to meet with Parish Councillors.
- **NCC-** Transport North East Stakeholder Forum
- **NCC-** Climate emergency declarations. Parish Councillor A MacDonald- Smith agreed to look at the list of questions.
- **NCC-** Information on free trees. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk forward the email on to Chatton Village Hall Committee and the representative for the Community Gardens.

Min 1740- Barmoor windfarm- Parish Councillors ratified the appointment of Parish Councillor T Faa-Thompson as the Parish Council representative on the grant panel.

Min 1741- Parish Council vacancy- The Clerk informed the meeting that only 1 request has been received, it was from Helen Scrivens. Parish Councillors agreed to co-opt Helen Scrivens onto Tillside Parish Council to represent Hetton

Ward. As Helen Scrivens was in attendance, she signed the Declaration of Acceptance form and joined the Parish Council meeting at that point.

Min 1742- Playground Group- The Chairman informed the meeting that the group had not met since the outbreak of covid 19.

The Clerk informed the meeting that if the following Small Grant Funding is not claimed by March 2022, it will be lost:

County Councillor T Thorne £5K

County Councillor A Murray £4K

Parish Councillor H Prytherch asked County Councillor M Mather to check County Councillor A Murray's funding as he thought that may have been paid to Chatton Village Hall Committee for the BBQ area.

Parish Councillors agreed the Playground Group needs to meet, progress the project and submit a grant application to Barmoor Windfarm using the Small Grant Funding as funding already confirmed.

Min 1743- Remembrance Day- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk organise the purchase of 2 wreaths for Remembrance Day. The Chairman to collect the wreaths.

Min 1744- Chatton News- The Chairman proposed the Clerk contact the Vice-Chairman to see when the deadline is for the next edition of the Chatton News. This was agreed.

Any Other Urgent Business.

Min 1745- Speed Warning sign Chatton- Parish Councillor H Prytherch asked if there was any update on a speed warning sign at the east end of Chatton. The Chairman replied that Northumberland County Council Highway's Department was to advise the Parish Council of a suitable location for the pole. Parish Councillors asked County Councillor M Mather to chase this up.

Min 1746- Electric Charging points- Parish Councillor T Hume asked the meeting if the Parish Council had considered requesting electric charging points to be installed within the Parish. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk ask for Tillside Parish Council to be added to the list at Northumberland County Council.

Min 1747- Chillingham Bridge- Parish Councillor J Renner informed the meeting that it looks as if the bridge has been hit as some of the dressed stone has moved. Parish Councillors agreed this may mean the road would have to be closed for repair works to be undertaken and would cause local disruption, however, the bridge needs to be repaired.

Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk report the damage to the Bridges Officer at Northumberland County Council

Min 1748- Book box for Chatton- Parish Councillor H Prytherch advised the meeting that there is a need for a step at the book box. The Chairman & Parish Councillor H Prytherch agreed to check out this issue.

Min 1749- County Councillor updates- County Councillor M Mather informed the meeting:

- There are £10,000 grants available for home improvements
- The article in that day's local press about the 2 Berwick Middle Schools exploring going into a multi-academy trust with Berwick Academy is not the only option, there will be a consultation shortly which will look for comments from parents of all children within the Berwick Partnership. Also, all County Councillors within the Berwick Partnership will be part of a Working Group to look at all possible options.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 11th November 2021

Chairman _____ Date _____

Ch's Initials _____