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**Minutes of Tillside Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th September 2023
in Chatton Village Hall Commencing at 7pm**

Present: Chairman A MacDonald-Smith, Vice-Chairman H Prytherch.
Parish Councillors: I Fiddes, A Wrangham, M Strother, R Ord, N Petronelli-Stone,
R Tebay, J Renner, T Faa-Thompson & R Brown.
County Councillors M Mather & C Hardy
1 member of the public.
Clerk I Hunter

Public Question time: - None.

Declaration of Acceptance- Parish Councillor R Brown signed the Declaration of Acceptance and joined the Parish Council to represent Hetton Ward at that point.

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillors I Straughan, I Brown, & D Spours,

Declaration of Interest: None

Request for Dispensation: None

Community Police: The Clerk read out the following report:

No crimes or incidents of note to report. Generally, a low crime area but always good to report.

No other reports of rural type crime in the outer area either.

No reports of ASB/speeding in the area but the local neighbourhood team do try and get out doing checks in the rural villages when they can.

From a community engagement point of view the local team attended the Etal show and it seemed to go well. Weather was good which always helps with numbers.

No reported issues as a result re parking or congestion on the nearby roads. Was noted by the officers attending that things seemed very well organised as ever and to pass that on.

Unfortunately, we're on days off on the night of the meeting so won't be able to attend.

Minutes- The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th July 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-

Min 1981 (Min 1971)- Litter Hepburn car park- Parish Councillor N Petronelli-Stone reported that Forestry England will be erecting No dog fouling signage at the car park and will monitor the situation. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk update the resident.

Min 1982- Highways updates:

- **Chatton Bridge-** County Councillor M Mather advised the meeting that all drains had been jetted to the river, and he was continuing to push for a digger to undertake works at the other side of the bridge. Parish Councillors questioned the trees etc under the bridge parapets. County Councillor M Mather replied he will continue to chase relevant organisations to undertake the removal works.
- **Speed warning sign-** The Chairman reported the damaged speed warning sign is working; however, the solar panel bracket and the pole is damaged. The Vice-Chairman agreed to mend the bracket. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact Northumberland County Council to report the damaged pole and see if they will replace it.
- **Water leak Chatton shop area-** The Vice-Chairman reported that Northumbrian Water would be digging a hole the next day, and investigate the leak next week. Northumbrian Water have agreed to provide the Vice-Chairman with updates.

Min 1983- Northumberland Estates

- Parish Councillors ratified the payment to Northumberland Estates to cover the following invoices:
 - a) Allotments annual rent £135
 - b) Footpath annual rent £25
 - c) Chatton Village Hall 6-month rent £550
- Parish Councillors ratified the issue of the following invoices:
 - a) Chatton Community Gardens £135
 - b) Chatton Village Hall £548

Min 1984- New Play equipment-

- Parish Councillors ratified the transfer of the £9K grant funding to Chatton Village Hall, to allow the project to proceed.
- The Vice-Chairman reported that the play equipment had been ordered and it was hoped the installation would commence in October.
- Parish Councillors considered the previously circulated draft agreement between Tillside Parish Council and Chatton Village Hall Committee in relation to Chatton Village Hall & the Playing Field. Parish Councillors agreed once the Lease No's are included the draft to be circulated to Chatton Village Hall Committee for their consideration.

Min 1985- Financial Statement

- Bank Balance £ 19477.92

Min 1986- Accounts

Payments

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| • Chatton V Hall | £9000.00 | Play equipment grant funding |
| • E I Hunter | £ 96.00 | Clerk's Salary August |
| • HMRC | £ 24.00 | PAYE August |
| • Northumberland Estates | £ 710.00 | Rent invoices x 3 |
| • E I Hunter | £ 96.00 | Clerk's Salary September |
| • HMRC | £ 24.00 | PAYE September |
| • E I Hunter | £ 72.10 | Expenses |

- H Prytherch £ 29.64 Key safe + 2 keys
- Royal British Legion £ 60.00 2 poppy wreaths

Min 1987- Chatton Village Hall- Parish Councillor I Fiddes provided the following updates:

- The Annual General Meeting will be held on 20th September at 7pm everybody is welcome to attend
- The kitchen improvement works had commenced, and it is hoped the works will be completed before this winter.
- The Frankenstein performance is cancelled due to low number of tickets sales; however, the panto will still go ahead in December.
- There is a full programme of speaker nights, which will be held on the last Thursday of every month.
- The Village Hall Heritage Project concludes in the autumn, photos and information will be displayed, there will also be a Nintendo & screen available for youngsters
- Maintenance works continue.
- The time extension to the lease with Northumberland Estates, will allow the Chatton Village Hall Committee more flexibility with funders, due to the longevity.
Parish Councillors agreed to progress the draft lease which had been received from Northumberland Estates Solicitor Warcup Law.
- Parish Councillor R Tebay advised the meeting that as part of the Platinum Jubilee project it was agreed to purchase prints to install in Chatton Village Hall using the remaining grant fund.
Parish Councillors agreed the purchase of prints up to a maximum of £221.27 which is the remainder of the Platinum Jubilee grant.
- Parish Councillors agreed the purchase of a key safe at a cost of £17.64 to be installed in Chatton Village Hall, as well as 2 spare keys at a cost of £12.
Parish Councillors agreed to reimburse The Vice-Chairman £29.64 to cover the 2 invoices. The Vice-Chairman to install the key safe.

Min 1988- Planning Applications- Parish Councillors ratified the submission of no comments to the following Planning Applications:

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

23/02821/FUL- Proposed garden room (retrospective)- 8 Broomhouse Steading
Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5ND

Min 1989- Planning Approval

23/01765/VARYCO- Removal of Condition 7 (Highways) pursuant to planning permission 21/03404/VARYCO - Via the S278 process NCC
Highways have confirmed that they do not want the 2m wide footpath to be constructed. The remainder of the Condition to be classified as a compliance condition as these works have been completed and approved by NCC Highways- Land East Of Church Hill Old Road
Chatton Northumberland NE66 5PX

Min 1990- Correspondence

- **Age Uk-** Request for a donation. Parish Councillors agreed not to make a donation.
- **NCC-** North Northumberland Local Area Committee- presentations
- **NCC-** Invite to Annual Town & Parish Council Conference 5/10. Parish Councillors agreed not to attend.
- **Barmoor Windfarm-** Call for funding applications 11/9

Min 1991- Litter pick- Parish Councillor J Renner advised the meeting that the litter pick did not take place this year as it was not required. However, we will review undertaking a litter pick next year.

Parish Councillor R Brown suggested installing a litter bin at the lay-by next to the Amerside Fishery Road end. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk obtain a quote for the January meeting where this will be considered as part of the 2024/25 budget.

Min 1992- Conclusion of Annual Audit 2022/23- Parish Councillors agreed to defer this until the November meeting, as there had been no update from the External Auditor.

Min 1993- Remembrance Day- Parish Councillors agreed the purchase of 2 poppy wreaths at a cost of £60. The Clerk to contact the local Royal British Legion contact.

Min 1994- County Councillor updates- County Councillor M Mather provided the following updates:

- **Potholes-** There is an ongoing £500K trial to cut out and repair potholes, which looks to be having a positive impact on the A697. There are less reports of potholes when this method is used.
- **Fix my street-** So far there have been over 14,000 reports covering various issues.
- **Chatton Bank-** The road had been repaired; however, I will check to see if the gully works have been undertaken.
- **Bus Service-** Travelsure have agreed to run a bus service between Wooler & Bamburgh 2-4 times per day in the winter and every 2 hours in the summer. The service will go through Chatton.
- **Northumberland County Council-** Next year's budget will be hard, however, the Leader has stated he hoped to protect frontlines services.

Min 1995- Chatton News- Parish Councillors agreed the following:

- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk provide the following updates for the Chatton News:
 - 1- Roger Brown had been co-opted onto Tillside Parish Council to represent Hetton Ward
 - 2- Forestry England had agreed to install No Dog Fouling signs at Hepburn Wood car park, and monitor the situation.
 - 3- All the drains in the Chatton bridge area to the river had been jetted.

Any Other Urgent Business. None

Date of the next Parish Council meetings 9th November 2023

Chairman _____ Date _____

Ch's Initials _____