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**Minutes of Tillside Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
in Chatton Village Hall Commencing at 7pm**

**Present:** Chairman A Macdonald-Smith, Vice-Chairman H Prytherch  
Parish Councillors: H Ray, M Strother, J Renner, N Petronelli-Stone, A Wrangham,  
T Faa-Thompson & R Brown.  
County Councillors M Mather & C Hardy  
2 members of the public.  
Clerk I Hunter

**Public Question time:** - A member of the public gave a vote of thanks to Tillside Parish Council for supporting the residents of Broomhouse by objecting to the current planning application for Broomhouse Grange.

1 member of the public left the meeting at that point.

**Apologies for Absence:** Parish Councillors R Ord, I Brown, R Tebay, R Hamilton & D Spours

**Declaration of Interest:** Parish Councillor N Petronelli-Stone declared a personal interest in Planning Application No 24/01267/FUL.  
Parish Councillor A Wrangham declared a personal & prejudicial interest in Planning Application No 24/01267/FUL as the landowner.

**Request for Dispensation:** None

**Community Police:** No report received.

**Minutes-** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 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 2104- Highway/Local Issues- updates**

- **Chatton Bridge-** County Councillor M Mather advised the meeting that he had introduced the new lead North Northumberland County Council Highways Officer to Northumberland Estates, which had allowed the legal agreement to progress. The legal agreement is with Northumberland County Council Legal Department; however, the lead North Northumberland County Council Highways Officer is pushing for progress. The headwall is at Northumberland County Council Powburn Depot and will be installed once all agreements are in place.
- **Speed Warning Sign-** The Vice-Chairman advised the meeting that there is a technical fault with the sign which he is dealing with.

- **Water leak in Chatton village-** County Councillor M Mather advised the meeting that Northumbrian Water had confirmed to Northumberland County Council Streetworks Department that the water is their water, and have changed the valve near the water leak. Parish Councillors agreed at the minute the situation appears to be resolved, but agreed to monitor the situation.

#### **Min 2105- 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 £550

#### **Min 2106- Financial Statement**

- Bank Balance £24147.50

#### **Min 2107- Receipts**

- Chatton Village Hall £ 550.00 Village Hall- 6-month rent
- Northumberland CC £ 2475.00 ½ Annual precept.

#### **Min 2108- Accounts for Payment**

##### **Payments made since last meeting**

- E I Hunter £ 96.00 Clerk's Salary August
- HMRC £ 24.00 PAYE – August
- Northumberland Estates £ 710.00 Rent invoices x3

##### **Payments due to be paid**

- E I Hunter £ 96.00 Clerk's Salary September
- HMRC £ 24.00 PAYE - September
- E I Hunter £ 32.86 Expenses

#### **Min 2109- Chatton Village Hall -** Parish Councillor H Ray provided the following updates:

- All Trustees of Chatton Village Hall are up for Re-election, and asked if Tillside Parish Council wished her to remain as the Parish Council representative. Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor H Ray remain as the Parish Council representative until May 2025, when Parish Councillors undertake the annual election of Parish Councillors to outside bodies.
- Chatton Village Hall Committee are currently reviewing the Trust Deed.
- The get together of Tillside Parish Councillors and Chatton Village Hall Committee to be organised after the Chatton Village Hall Trust Deed had been revised. However, Chatton Village Hall Committee would like an informal get together to be not just ½ hour before a Parish Council meeting. Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillors H Ray & R Tebay to propose a date for an informal meeting, when Chatton Village Hall Committee are ready.

**Min 2110- Planning Applications-** Parish Councillors ratified the Parish Council's responses to the following planning applications

24/01210/FUL- Installation of 5no geodesic dome glamping pods. Works include car park, footpaths, water & power supply, waste removal, refuse store and sewage treatment plant- Land West Of Fowberry Tower Chatton.  
*Parish Councillors have agreed to submit no objections to this application.*  
*However, Parish Councillors would prefer the pods to be green in colour.*

24/02453/LBC- Listed building consent for a new parking area and associated works- Broomhouse Grange West Lilburn Alnwick NE66 5NE  
*Parish Councillors have agreed by a majority vote to object to this application on the following grounds:*

- 1. This is a Grade II Listed farmhouse, with an intact walled garden which should be retained. There are only a limited number of this type of walled garden which over time have not been altered.*
- 2. This will not be in keeping with the surrounding area and will open up the site making it look more like a small housing estate rather than a farm steading development.*
- 3. This will significantly change the look of the development – which is already having an impact on the Grade II Listed farmhouse.*
- 4. Broomhouse is currently screened from traffic travelling to and from Chatton; however, with this additional parking, the view, when travelling eastwards, towards Chatton will be negatively impacted.*
- 5. The existing access was agreed as part of the original planning permission when the steading was developed.*

Parish Councillors considered the following planning applications

Parish Councillor A Wrangham left the room at that point

24/01267/FUL- Proposed accesses (bellmouths) to 3 No. forests incl. Ros Hill, Quarry House and Haughterslaw- Land West Of Botany, East Of Quarry House Mast And North West Of Heatherslaw Old Bewick.  
*Parish Councillors debated this planning application, and agreed to support the planning application, but raise concerns about the width, and current state of the road, suggesting that the consideration should be given to the installation of passing places due to the increase of volume of HGV's using the road.*

Parish Councillor A Wrangham re-joined the meeting

24/02938/FUL- Change of use to burial ground for 2no people- Chillingham Castle Chillingham Castle Grounds Chillingham NE66 5NJ  
*Parish Councillors agreed to support this planning application.*

**Min 2111- Planning Approval**

24/02082/FUL- Replacement 2 storey rear extension and canopy roof over new side entrance door- 2 Church Hill Chatton Northumberland NE66 5PY

**Min 2112- Correspondence**

- **HospiceCare North Northumberland-** Request for a donation- Parish Councillors agreed not to donate.
- **NCC-** Invite to Annual Town & Parish Council Conference 3/10
- **Northumberland Estates-** Reply to Chatton Bridge letter. Covered at Min 2104.
- **Resident-Emails-** Right of Way issues.
- **NCC-Email-** information Bus Service Improvement Plan - Safe and Accessible Bus Infrastructure Funding.

**Min 2113- Conclusion of Annual Audit 2023/24**

- Parish Councillors agreed the Annual Audit for 2023/24 is now concluded.
- Parish Councillors approved the Parish Council's 2023/24 Annual Accounts

**Min 2114- Remembrance Day 2024-** Parish Councillor M Strother agreed to speak to the local Royal British Legion poppy wreath organiser and organise for 2 wreaths to be delivered to Chatton Village Shop.

**Min 2115- Defibrillators-** Parish Councillor N Petronille-Stone advised the meeting that she & Parish Councillor R Hamilton are having an issue with a power supply for a defibrillator at Chillingham, suggesting that they may need to install a pole and lay a cable for the power supply, and asked if the Parish Council would consider covering the groundworks costs.

Also, they are considering purchasing a defibrillator and cabinet on a monthly payment which will cover maintenance etc as this could be a cheaper option, which Parish Councillor R Hamilton would be willing to cover the payment for 4-years. County Councillor M Mather suggested there are possible alternative options, and reminded the meeting that if the defibrillator was used the monthly fee would not cover the replacement of used pads.

Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillors N Petronille-Stone, R Hamilton & County Councillor M Mather work together on this project.

**Min 2116- Consultations-** Parish Councillors agreed to review the Northumberland County Council Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan and confirm if the Parish Council is to make a submission to the consultation before 18<sup>th</sup> October.

**Min 2117- Parish Council website & email addresses-** The Chairman advised the meeting that it looks as if all Town & Parish Councils will have to have a gov.uk website & gov.uk email address for each Parish Councillor by March 2025. He concluded by saying that he has a meeting coming up shortly to obtain further information, however, the Parish Council does not own the Tillside Parish domain. Parish Councillors agreed the Chairman continue to work on this subject and provide an update at the next meeting.

**Min 2118- County Councillor updates-** County Councillor M Mather provided the following updates:

**Bus Service-** The X16 service had commenced which runs from Wooler to Newcastle in time for college and work. There is also, a new service from Belford to Chathill to link with the early morning train

**Highways-** I am receiving complaints about Gofibre undertaking works on many roads. Gofibre are required to obtain a licence from Northumberland County Council Streetworks to allow them to work on the highway, you can check if Gofibre have obtained permission to work on a specific road by clicking on the following link: <https://one.network> then typing the location in the search box, if the location is not identified please let me know and I will investigate.

Northumberland County Council Highways Department are looking at improving the pothole repairs and the recent works on the A697 is evidence of better-quality repairs. Also, Northumberland County Council Highways Department are currently cleaning the road gullies on the A697 before moving onto the A698, which should help the road surface as it will reduce the flooding, the works are being funded from the winter works budget. The costs are approx. £1K+ for the digger and £3K for traffic management, and it can take up to 10 weeks for 1 Northumberland County Council department to grant another department permission to work on the highway.

Northumberland County Council had now approved 2 documents which relates to landowners' responsibility & flooding onto the highway.

Weeds continue to be an issue, please let me know if there are any areas which need to be treated, as the Leader of Northumberland County Council has agreed additional funding for these works.

**Fix my street-** If you receive an update to say the issue you have raised is closed, and the issue is not resolved please let me know including the Ref No and I will chase this up, it may be the issue has been forwarded onto a different department.

**Annual Joint Town & Parish Council Conference-** I recommend the Chairman + another Councillor attend the conference, the marketplace is improved, and will have departments such as planning, & highways. Also, the conference will have an update from the Elections Department which will cover costs for the forthcoming elections in 2025, and there will be a Q & A session with the Leader of Northumberland County Council on the forthcoming budget.

**Police-** I have 6-week meetings with the Police. North Northumberland will be moving back to 1 inspector for Berwick and 1 for Alnwick, with the intention that officers will be more visible and able to respond to local issues.

I am looking to having at 1-2 group meetings per year with the local Police Inspector and Parish Councils in my division.

**Heating- winter fuel payments-** Northumberland County Council, CAN & Age uk, are working together to identify residents who may be entitled to pension credit, which may unlock other benefits, they are willing to hold roadshows and drop-ins in local areas if you feel there is a need in your community. So far, we have written to 700 residents in the north saying they may be eligible to pension credit.

The Wooler log bank is now affiliated to Northumberland County Council, with the Fire & Rescue Service undertaking the deliveries.

If you think any resident could be eligible for pension credit or needs help, please contact Northumberland County Council Communities Together email:

[NCT@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:NCT@northumberland.gov.uk) or phone [01670 620015](tel:01670620015) for advice.

**Planning** – Northumberland County Council Planning Enforcement Department is now back up to the full complement of officers.

**National Park-** The 2024 National Park national conference is being held in Northumberland 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> September.

**County Councillor C Hardy-** County Councillor M Mather has covered all points, however, 23,500 residents will lose the winter fuel payment, and there are many people not claiming pension credit, as well as many families not claiming free school meals.

**Min 2119- Chatton News-**Parish Councillors agreed the only update for the Chatton News is are you able to claim pension credit or do you need help/support if so, contact Northumberland County Council Communities Together for advice and guidance.

**Any Other Urgent Business.**

**Min 2120- Budget 2025/26-** Parish Councillor J Renner asked when do the Parish Council start considering the 2025/26 budget. The Clerk replied this will be an agenda item for the November meeting.

**Date of the next Parish Council Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Chairman\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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