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**Minutes of Tillside Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th September 2025
in Chatton Village Hall Commencing at 7.06pm**

Present: Chairman H Prytherch, Vice-Chairman R Ord,
Parish Councillors: I Brown, G Cutter & A Macdonald-Smith, N Petronelli-Stone,
D Spours, T Faa-Thompson,
County Councillors M Mather & P Lambert
3 members of the public.
Clerk I Hunter

Public Question time: - None

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillor M Strother, H Ray, & A Wrangham
Parish Councillors accepted the resignation of Parish Councillor R Tebay and agreed the display of the vacancy notice for a Parish Councillor for Chatton ward, Chatton parish.
Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk send a thank you email to former Parish Councillor R Tebay for his 10 years of valuable service to Tillside Parish Council.

Declaration of Interest: None

Request for Dispensation: None

Min 2214- Community Police: The Clerk read out the following report:

Crimes and incidents– Nothing to pass on this month. Nothing of any note has been recorded as having occurred in the parish in this period.

Local Matters- Nothing has occurred in the surrounding areas worthy of passing on either and there's been no fresh reports of either speeding and or ASB.

Community Engagement – Nothing to note this period.

Minutes- The previously circulated Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th July 2025 were agreed as a true record. The Chairman signed a hard copy.

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

Min 2215- Chairman's Annual Report- Parish Councillor A Macdonald-Smith provided the following verbal Chairman's report for 2024/25:

- The Parish Council managed to open an interest-bearing account which now allows the Parish Council to gain some interest on the Parish Council's reserves.
- The Parish Council increased the annual precept which is the first time it had been increased in 20+ years.
- The required works to Chatton bridge is still on-going.

- The Parish Council carried out the usual business during the year.

Min 2216- Northumberland Estates

- Parish Councillors ratified the payment to Northumberland Estates to cover the following invoices:
 - a) Allotments annual rent £145
 - b) Footpath annual rent £25
 - c) Chatton Village Hall 6-month rent £625
- Parish Councillors ratified the issue of the following invoices:
 - a) Chatton Community Gardens £145
 - b) Chatton Village Hall £625

Min 2217- Financial Statement –

- Current A/c £ 6108.73
- Savings A/c Instant Access £ 6030.22
- Savings A/c 95 Days Access £12241.71

Parish Councillor I Brown proposed the Parish Council only retains just over £1k in the Current A/c and that the Clerk had delegated authority to transfer the excess in full £1,000's into the Instant Access Savings A/c. Also, the Clerk had delegated authority to transfer funds from the Instant Saving A/c into the Current A/c if it drops below £1K. This was agreed.

Min 2218- Receipts

- Savings A/c Instant Access £ 7.28 Interest
- Savings A/c 95 Days Access £ 57.73 Interest

Min 2219- Accounts for Payment- Parish Councillors agreed the following payments

- E I Hunter £ 72.00 Clerk's Salary-August
- HMRC £ 48.00 PAYE- August
- Bank of Scotland £ 8.50 Monthly service charges x2
- E I Hunter £ 72.00 Clerk's Salary- September
- HMRC £ 48.00 PAYE- September
- E I Hunter £ 32.79 Expenses
- Northumberland Estates £ 795.00 Rent invoices.

Min 2220- Chatton Village Hall

- Parish Councillors agreed to investigate options on how people using the play equipment & BBQ area could make a donation towards the maintenance & replacement of the play equipment, as the upkeep & replacement of play equipment will be costly. Parish Councillor A Macdonald-Smith agreed to undertake research into QR codes and other possible options and provide an update at the November meeting.
- The Chairman advised the meeting that he had obtained 2 quotes for boundary fencing of the playing field and had started the preparation of an application to the wind farm for the funding of the installation of a boundary fence. Parish Councillors agreed the Chairman would need to obtain an additional quote for the fencing.
The Chairman agreed to obtain an additional for the fencing, and circulate the completed wind farm application form ahead of submission.

County Councillor P Lambert joined the meeting at that point.

- Parish Councillors agreed the Chairman check to see if the on-going issue with the boundary fence had been resolved.

Parish Councillor T Faa-Thompson & 2 members of the public left the meeting at that point

Min 2221- Planning Application- Parish Councillors ratified the Parish Council's responses to the following planning applications:

25/02616/FUL- Single-storey front/side extension and stables conversion- Chatton Mill Chatton Park Bank Chatton Northumberland NE66 5RA.

No comments.

25/02609/HEGRMN-Hedgerow Removal Notice: Removal of stretch of hedge forming the boundary of several residential gardens to improve visibility for road users- Bank Top Cottage Bank Top Chillingham NE66 5NG.

No objections by a majority vote.

25/02693/FUL- Residential annex ancillary to main dwelling- Reddishall Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5RA

No objections by a majority vote.

Min 2222- Planning Approvals

25/01901/FUL- Single storey side extension. Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof- 11 Church Hill Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5PY

25/01098/FUL- Proposed conversion of roof space with the insertion of conservation roof windows, replacement windows and construction of boundary wall to roadside elevation- 5 West End Chatton NE66 5PP

25/02609/HEGRMN-Hedgerow Removal Notice: Removal of stretch of hedge forming the boundary of several residential gardens to improve visibility for road users- Bank Top Cottage Bank Top Chillingham NE66 5NG

25/02616/FUL- Single-storey front/side extension and stables conversion- Chatton Mill Chatton Park Bank Chatton Northumberland NE66 5RA

Min 2223- Planning Withdrawal

24/04173/FUL- Conversion of 2No holiday cottages to 1No residential dwelling and part of rear outbuildings to be converted to double garage dwelling- 1-2 West Lyham Farm Cottages Chatton Alnwick NE66 5QA

Min 2224- Consultations- Parish Councillors considered the current Northumberland County Council consultation on Northumberland Local Plan 'Call for Sites'. Parish Councillors did not identify any areas, which they would like to be included within the Northumberland Local Plan.

Min 2225- Conclusion of Annual Audit 2024/25

- Parish Councillors agreed the conclusion of the Annual Audit for 2024/25
- Parish Councillors approved the Parish Council's 2024/25 Annual Accounts

Min 2226- Remembrance Day 2025

- Parish Councillors agreed that the Parish Council would order 2 poppy wreaths. Parish Councillor A Macdonald-Smith to contact the local Royal British Legion contact for the 2 poppy wreaths.
- Parish Councillors noted there were currently no other updates, however, the Chairman to be the lead contact if required.

Min 2227- Parish Council website & email addresses

- Parish Councillors noted that there is a requirement for the Parish Council to have a gov.uk website & a gov.uk email address for each Parish Councillor by March 2026. County Councillor M Mather informed the meeting that he was working with Northumberland County Council IT Department to see if they could provide an affordable secure facility for Parish Councils, as an alternative option to the NALC offer which is only being offered to Parish Councils with a NALC website. He concluded by saying there should be a costed offer available shortly from Northumberland County Council. Parish Councillor A Macdonald-Smith suggested that the email addresses could be name@ xxx or Chatton1@xxx etc.
- Parish Councillors agreed to receive an update at the November meeting.

Min 2228- Correspondence

- NCC- Email- Introduction to Portfolio Holder for Highways
- NCC- Email- Invitation for Town and Parish Councillors to attend a meeting re Budget and Corporate Priorities. Parish Councillors agreed the Chairman & Vice-Chairman attend the session at Belford on 9th October.

Min 2229- Highways & Local Issues

- County Councillor M Mather advised the meeting that the works to the Chillingham footpath will be undertake as part of the winter works programme. Parish Councillors agreed to hold a site meeting with Northumberland County Council officers when the works commence.
- County Councillor M Mather advised the meeting that the issue of the 418 Bus Service not stopping at the correct location is available room for the bus, and to resolve the issue part of the village green could be removed or have the bus stop near the shop on the shop side of the road, as well as placing a note at the current bus stop explaining the situation. Parish Councillors agreed to the option of the 418 Bus Service collecting and dropping off passengers near the shop. Parish Councillors accepted that the School Bus will collect and drop off the children at the bus stop next to the bus shelter and requested a yellow box be painted on the road at the bus shelter as this would allow room for the bus to pull in to collect and drop off passengers. County Councillor M Mather agreed to request the installation of a yellow box. Parish Councillors gave a vote of thanks to Parish Councillor D Spours from power washing the Chatton bus shelter. Parish Councillors noted the email from Parish Councillor M Strother re costs to replace the Chatton bus shelter. Parish Councillors agreed as Parish Councillor M Strother was not in attendance the Chairman contact him to ascertain what repairs are required for the current bus shelter.

Parish Councillors to receive an update at the November meeting on possible repairs or replacement of the bus shelter.

Parish Councillors reported that the pavement & drains in the area of the bus shelter are damaged.

The Clerk to report the issues on fix my street.

- County Councillor M Mather reported that Northumberland County Council are considering allowing Town & Parish Councils to install speed warning signs using the power from streetlights etc, any agreements will be via SLAs.
- County Councillor M Mather advised the meeting that signage options for the Broomhouse area are still with Northumberland County Council design team.

Min 2230- Local Transport Plan 2026/27-

- Parish Councillors considered the feedback from the Parish Councils 3 priorities for the 2025/26 programme.
- Parish Councillors agreed the following as the Parish Council's 3 priorities for the 2026/27 to 2028/29 Local Transport Plan programme.
 - a) The B6348 from Chatton Bridge to the junction C40 needs to be resurfaced.
 - b) The road from Knockwell to the A697 needs to be resurfaced
 - c) The B6348 from the junction to Wandon to Simonside Plantation needs to be resurfaced.
- Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor A Macdonald-Smith attend the Local Transport Programme guidance workshop at Alnwick on 29th September.

Min 2231- County Councillor updates- County Councillor P Lambert provided the following update:

Do date I have not received any communication from Hetton ward residents, so I presume they do not have any issues unlike residents in other parts of my ward.

County Councillor M Mather provided the following updates:

Chatton Bridge- The drainage works only are scheduled to commence on 29th September via early access. We are still awaiting the signing off the access agreement.

The removing of the soil & trees will be undertaken at a later date.

Fix my street- There have been over 29,000 reports and to date there have been 90% responses to the reports, please keep reporting issues via fix my street.

Bus Service- The 266-bus service will now travel from Wooler to Kelso which will include rural services for Wark & Carham.

Flying flags- Northumberland County Council have agreed to support Town & Parish Council's have a central flagpole to fly flags.

Average speed cameras- Northumberland County Council are currently undertaking a trial.

Food waste- Northumberland County Council will not be providing a food waste collection in this area as there is a shortfall of £1.5m in funding.

We need to have an update from the local composting trial.

Questions: Parish Councillor D Spours asked if there were any updates on the wall on Chatton bank as the retaining wall is collapsing. County Councillor M Mather replied that Northumberland County Council Highways Department had stated it is not a retaining wall.

It was agreed that County Councillor M Mather organise a site meeting with Northumberland County Council Highway Officers & Parish Councillor D Spours when Northumberland County Council officers are on site at Chatton bridge.

Min 2232- Chatton News-Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk provide the following updates for the Chatton News:

The retirement of Parish Councillor R Tebay and thank you for his years of service to the Parish Council.

Reminder to ask dog owners to please pick up.

If using Rights of Ways please close the gates behind you, and keep to the identified Right of Way

The drainage works at Chatton bridge are due to start at the end of September.

Thank you to Parish Councillor D Spours for power washing the Chatton bus shelter.

Parish Councillor T Faa-Thompson is the Parish Council representative on the Barmoor Wind Farm grant panel.

Any Other Urgent Business.

Min 2233- Trees- Parish Councillor D Spours advised the meeting that Northumberland Estates are going to inspect the beech trees at the end of Chatton village.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 13th November 2025

Chairman _____

Date _____